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SCATHING CRITICISM BY
PRESIDENT.

HINTS CONSPIRACY.

President Hoover hints at a political conspiracy to embarrass the American Government in the course of a scathing indictment of Congress which appears to have gone into a panic in its efforts to solve the problem of increasing unemployment.

Over a thousand million pounds sterling are involved in relief schemes which have been proposed in Congress in a week, while the whole of the National Budget does not provide for an expenditure of nearly that sum.

If the proposals are approved by Congress, America's Budget will require to be more than doubled to meet the additional charges.

Enormous Sum.

Washington, Dec. 9. The anxiety felt in political circles over the present economic depression is signified by the fact that proposals, calling for a total expenditure of £85,500,000,000 for relief work, have been advanced in Congress during the past week.

This enormous sum has been requested in spite of the fact that President Hoover, in his annual message to Congress, only asked for £8150,000,000.

President Hoover has now issued a scathing denunciation of Congressional extravagance and waste of money.

Blacks-Off-Treasury.

He says: Prosperity cannot be restored by raids on the public Treasury.

Recalling that pending legislation will impose an additional burden of £80,500,000,000 above the sums asked for in the Budget Measure (only £83,933,000,000) the President says that the Budget contained the maximum expenditure the Government could make without an increase of taxes, and tax increases would fall upon the farmers and the workers.

"Some organisation," he declares, "is playing with politics at the expense of human misery and Americans must not be misled by such tactics."

The Senate, meanwhile, has passed a Bill authorising a grant of £80,000,000 for the relief of the farmers in the areas stricken by the recent drought.

Banks in Difficulties.

From Newhaven, Connecticut, it is reported that the State Bank Commissioner has ordered the Citizens' Bank and Trust Company to suspend payment of deposits, owing to a shortage of bank reserves.

The lack of cash is due to the withdrawal of from twenty to twenty-five per cent. of the bank's commercial deposits in the past month.

The Citizens' Bank and Trust Company was incorporated in 1921 with a capital of £140,000.

Baltimore Closings.

A message from Baltimore states that the Chesapeake Bank has notified that it is in the hands of the Bank Committee. Two of its branches in Baltimore have closed their doors.—Reuters' American Service.

BRIEF BUT TO THE POINT.

MR. SNOWDEN'S REPLY TO WAR DEBT QUERY.

London, Dec. 9.

When asked in the House of Commons whether any negotiations were proceeding with the Government of the United States of America on the readjustment of war debts, the Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Philip Snowden replied: "No Sir." British

LATEST HONGKONG FLIGHT.

AIRMAN TAKES OFF FOR SHANGHAI.

MAY EXTEND TRIP.

Following on his recent successful flight to Canton and Macao, Flying Officer A. V. Harvey, test and demonstration pilot to the Far East Aviation Company, this morning set off on a flight to Shanghai, with a stop at Amoy en route for demonstration purposes. He is flying solo in the Company's Avro Avian V.R.H.A.D. The distance to Amoy is about 400 miles and Flying Officer Harvey expects to reach there within four hours.

The trip has not been undertaken for the purpose of trying to establish any time records, but to demonstrate the performance of a leading type of British aircraft which already has many records to its credit.

With a spare propeller strapped to the fuselage, and two suitcases, Flying Officer Harvey took off from Kai Tak at 10 o'clock this morning, with sufficient fuel to last for seven and a half hours' sustained flight. His course takes him over the notorious Blue Bay district and he expects to be within sight of the coast line for the greater part of the way. Weather reports this morning indicated a north-east wind which will tend to retard progress, but he expects to arrive at Amoy at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On reaching Amoy, Flying Officer Harvey will demonstrate the machine to the Chinese Air Service and will probably resume the flight to Shanghai to-morrow or Friday. The hop from Amoy to Shanghai is just short of 500 miles. He expects to remain for a few days in Shanghai and the probabilities are that he will then fly to Nanking for further demonstration purposes. Further plans in regard to the tour are indefinite at present but Flying Officer Harvey expects to be away for some time.

The trip is being undertaken on Shell motor spirit and Golden Shell supplied by the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Limited.

TRAIN WRECKERS IN MANCHURIA.

BANDITS FIGHT POLICE AFTER DERAILMENT.

Tokyo, Dec. 10. A train which left Chenchiatun, Manchuria, yesterday afternoon, was derailed and overturned thirty-six miles from Hsupingkai when bandits removed a section of the rails.

Chinese police hurried to the scene of the mishap and fought a party of seventy bandits, whom they found looting the wrecked train.

Later, a train with reinforcements was sent from Hsupingkai and brought back all the passengers, one of whom was seriously injured.

The police suffered eight casualties, all wounded.

The bandits took all the passengers' money and valuables. Traffic has been suspended pending a clearance of the debris.—Reuters.

THE RETAIL PRICE OF TEA.

GOVERNMENT TO MAKE ENQUIRIES.

London, Dec. 9.

In the House of Commons at question-time to-day, Mr. W. J. Womersley (Con. Grimsby) suggested an investigation into whether the retail price of tea reflects the reductions in the wholesale price.

Mr. William Graham replied that the Board of Trade had not sufficient evidence to enable the expression of a considered opinion, but he was asking the Food Council to report on the matter.

In answer to a supplementary question, Mr. Graham stated that there was a fall between the wholesale and retail prices: "This and the coupon system would be very fully investigated."—Reuters.

YAUMATI MURDER HUNT.

FIVE MEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

DRAMATIC ARREST ON THE FERRY WHARF.

POLICE SATISFIED.

Police have taken swift action following the murder drama at Yaumati on Monday night, and no fewer than five arrests have been made, high importance being attached in respect of three of the suspects. The authorities have been working on the theory that the cold-blooded murder of Tse On, the dead detective, resulted from a well-laid plot against his life by Communist desperadoes.

All five men now in custody in connexion with the crime were arrested during a widespread combing yesterday.

The first arrest occurred in the morning when a man going on the ferry to Yaumati at 8 a.m. was pointed out by Chan Pak-sang, a detective from Canton, who was one of the two caught in the alleged trap, but who, more fortunate than Tse On, escaped, one by taking quick cover under the table and the other by leaping through the window.

Significant Fact?

The arrested man was dressed in European attire, which fact seems to have some bearing on a previous statement regarding the appearance of the man who led the attack on the victim at the restaurant. He is understood to have made a statement, from which other arrests were effected during the course of the day.

At noon, Detective Chan Pui, who made the first arrest, accompanied by the same Canton detective, made another arrest in a street at Yaumati, while again at 7 p.m. in the course of a watch kept on passengers coming ashore on the waterfront from the Yaumati ferry, a third suspect was taken into custody.

More Arrests.

Elsewhere, when an extensive police net had been thrown out, the Criminal Investigation Department staff carried out a number of raids, this being prompted by statements, it is understood, by the three men already in custody and by documents which have come into their possession through a previous Communist case in which the murdered detective played an important part. Two more arrests resulted from these raids, bringing the total to five.

The results thus far are considered eminently satisfactory by high police officials, who, subject to the outcome of identification parades, are in a position to regard three of the men arrested in the category of "definite suspects." In this connexion the importance of one individual—the waiter at the restaurant, who is said to be the only eyewitness of the actual shooting—has loomed largely in the estimation of those preparing the case for the Crown.

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FUNERAL OF VICTIM.

The funeral of the slain detective is taking place this afternoon, starting from the "Mortuary" at Yaumati where the remains are lying at 3 p.m. Of an official character, it will be attended by high police officials and marked with tributes due to a devoted officer who died in the execution of his duty.—Reuters.

Twenty men have been detailed from each of the five sections of the Police force to form the official cortege following the remains.

FLIGHT COMPLETED.

LIEUT. HILL LANDS AT PORT DARWIN.

Port Darwin, Dec. 10. Lieut. Hill, who had such a wretched luck on the verge of breaking Hinkler's record flight from England to Australia, to-day completed his flight, reaching Port

"DOLE" SCANDAL ENQUIRY.

JUDGE HOLMAN HEADING A COMMISSION.

INSURANCE SYSTEM.

London, Dec. 9. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons to-day, announced the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the unemployment insurance system.

The Commission will begin its labours immediately, while the personnel does not include the direct representatives of either employers or the workers.

The President of the Commission

is Judge Holman Gregory, of the

Mayor's and City of London Court,

Judge Gregory was Liberal M.P.

for South Derbyshire from 1918 to

1922, Recorder of Bath from 1922

to 1924 and of Bristol from 1924

to 1929.—Reuters.

Miss Bondfield, in answer to a number of questions recently

stated that the indebtedness of the

Unemployment Fund on October

29 was £53,220,000. The unex-

hausted amount of authorised bor-

rowing on that date was therefore

£6,780,000.

The average weekly amount of benefit paid during the four weeks ended October 18 was £1,768,000; the average live register during the same period being 2,159,000.

At October 13 there were on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain 288,827 married women among 477,263 women claimants for benefit, as compared with approximately 86,755 married women among 188,059 women claimants at October 14, 1929. The numbers actually in receipt of benefit were not available.

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QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE SANITARY BOARD.

Questions relative to the appointment of two malarial experts and any reports that might have been made on malaria in Hongkong, were asked by Mr. M. K. Lo, at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, which was held yesterday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Sanitary Department).

Those present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Dr. C. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin, T. N. Chau, M. K. Lo, F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. Castro Basto, J. H. Gelling (Secretary) and J. Hargreaves (Asst. Sec.).

New Member.

A letter was laid on the table from the Government relative to the election of Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto to be a member of the Sanitary Board.

The Chairman said that he would like to say that had he realized at the last meeting that the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was severing his connexion with the Board he would have made some reference to the loss of so valuable a colleague. He then welcomed Dr. Basto, who replaced Mr. Braga.

Questions on Malaria.

Mr. M. K. Lo then asked the questions standing in his name as follows:

Q. "With reference to my question on Malaria Prevention put to the Head of the Sanitary Department at the meeting of the Board held on the 18th February, 1930, when the Head of the Sanitary Department answered my question in the following terms:—I am authorized to state that in order to enable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services to make recommendations to the Government as to what should be done, two experts in Malariaology have been engaged from the Federated Malay States and are shortly due to arrive in the Colony—will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to find out from the Government and inform this Board?"

Whether the malarialogists have, or the malarialogist has, made any reports as the result of their or his investigations in Hongkong to the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, and if so, what is the date of such report?

A. "The Malarialogist has made investigations and reports on Lyemun and Taikoo. He reported to Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services on Taikoo on the 10th September, 1930 and on Lyemun on the 13th September, 1930.

Q. "Whether, as the result of such report, the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has made any recommendations to the Government as to what should be done, and if so, the date when such recommendations were made."

A. "The Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services forwarded to Government the Lyemun Report with his recommendations on 4th October, 1930, and the Taikoo Report on the 14th October, 1930."

Q. "If the answer to the above questions be in the affirmative, what action the Government intends to take on such recommendations."

A. "Government is not yet in a position to announce its intentions on the particular recommendations now in its hands."

Q. "Whether the recommendations of the Honourable the Director of Medical and

Sanitary Services will be published for the information of the public, and if so, when?"

A. "The question of publishing the recommendations has not yet been considered by Government."

Q. "Will the Head of the Sanitary Department also state for the information of the Board as to whether or not there is any definite evidence that the area comprising the Deep Water Bay, Repulse Bay and Stanley Districts, is malarially infected?"

A. "There is no definite evidence that Deep Water Bay or Stanley is malariously infected. Evidence regarding Repulse Bay is being collected now."

Appointments.

Dr. Basto was elected to be a member of the Select Committee for Aerated Water Manufacturers in the place of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

The Board agreed to the appointment of two Market Inspectors and to the depuiting of these Inspectors to prosecute for contravention of Market By-Laws.

Eating Houses.

The Chairman proposed the renewal of an application of an eating house license at 32, Sai Street on the grounds of the place being dirty, the street crowded and other insanitary reasons, but Mr. M. K. Lo said that he had paid a visit to the premises and found them quite suitable for the purpose.

He was surprised at the attitude of the Head of the Sanitary Department. He thought the place was reasonably clean and absolutely hygienic and proposed that the application be granted.

It was decided, after consideration, that members should inspect the premises before voting, the motion being put over until the next meeting.

An application for an eating house license, at 45 Sha Po Road, was refused by the Board.

On the proposition of Dr. Pope an application for a dairy license at 37, Sing Wo Road was refused on sanitary grounds.

Water Closets.

Referring to a minute, relative to the application for the installation of water closets at 129, Connaught Road Central, the Chairman pointed out to members that the motion had been before the Board previously but defeated in default of a seconder.

In moving that the present application be refused, Dr. Pope pointed out to the Board that the installation of water closets in the premises was undesirable and mentioned that the sewerage would run under the premises of an adjoining house.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin opposed the motion and pointed out that the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services had expressed the opinion that where a water closet could be safely installed in a building, whether it was old or new, he felt, provided there was a sufficiency of water, the closet should be allowed. He submitted that the Board if it refused the application because the building was old, was using the water closets as a lever to secure changes.

Mr. T. N. Chau, who had always advocated that it should be the bounden duty of the Board to encourage the use of the flush system, supported Mr. Wong and intimated that it would be unfair and unwise to refuse the present application.

Mr. M. K. Lo remarked that he had seconded the motion *pro forma* on the former occasion, but he had subsequently withdrawn his support on hearing the objections of the M.O.H., but then he had not the merits of the case before him and now, after having considered the matter, he agreed with Mr. Wong.

The Chairman mentioned three reasons why the application should be refused. He pointed out that, being a boarding house, strangers who might not know so much about hygienic matters, might abuse the privileges. The closet was also to be installed in the kitchen while it was proposed that the sewer should run under

adjoining houses, whereas in other places the sewer ran under acoving lane.

In reply, Mr. Wong pointed out that it was a well-known fact that water closets in Chinese houses were in kitchens and he thought it was more sanitary to have a water closet in the kitchen than otherwise. He remarked that if, in the event of the application being granted, the privileges were abused, action could be taken.

He also mentioned that strangers to the Colony from places where such conveniences were not used, could be instructed in their use.

The motion of refusal by the Medical Officer of Health was put to the meeting and carried by six votes to three.

CHINA'S LEGAL LOANS.

TO BE REPAYED WITHIN 30 YEARS.

Apropos of the report that the National Government has expressed its preparedness to repay all legally contracted domestic loans within 30 years, it is now learned, says the Chinese press, that all legally contracted foreign loans will also be completely repaid within the same period provided China is successful in carrying out her reorganization schemes in this direction.

It is said that the Ministry of Finance has already decided upon measures relating to the reorganization and readjustment of China's domestic and foreign loans which provides for the flotation of a huge "reorganization" loan with the new Custom surplus as a sinking fund. The "new Custom surplus" referred to means the increased Customs revenues, which will be available after the enforcement on February 1 next, of the new Tariff which will be promulgated on January 1, 1931. The Chinese Customs revenues are expected to increase each year with the result that the sinking fund for the proposed reorganization loan will likewise increase each year.

Increased Repayments.

As its name indicates, the proposed reorganization loan will be used entirely for the reorganization or readjustment of China's foreign and domestic loans and, with the annual increase in the sinking fund, China will be enabled to increase her repayments on her loans each year. In this way, the hope is expressed that all of her foreign and domestic loans will be completely redeemed or repaid within 30 years. It is expected, says the report in conclusion, that \$6 million will be available for the first year's sinking fund for the proposed new loan.

Financing the Revolution.

At a meeting held in Nanking on Thursday, the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang passed a resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the numerous loans negotiated by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to finance his revolutionary movement and the anti-nomadic campaign, says the Chinese press.

Huge loans are said to have been made from Chinese living at home and abroad and large sums were contributed to finance the movement, the exact amounts of which are unknown. In view of the fact that all this money was used by Dr. Sun to carry out his revolutionary plans, however, it has been decided to investigate such loans and contributions and to readjust them accordingly now that the country is unified.

After an investigation has been made and the loans are readjusted, the Government will devise means for their repayment. Should contributors decline to accept repayment, the Government will publicly extoll them for their patriotism.

The committee which has been appointed consists of 17 members, including Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government; Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways; Gen. Liu Chi-chen, Superintendent of Customs in Shanghai; Mr. Koo Ying-fen, director-general of the National of the National Civil Service Bureau and others.

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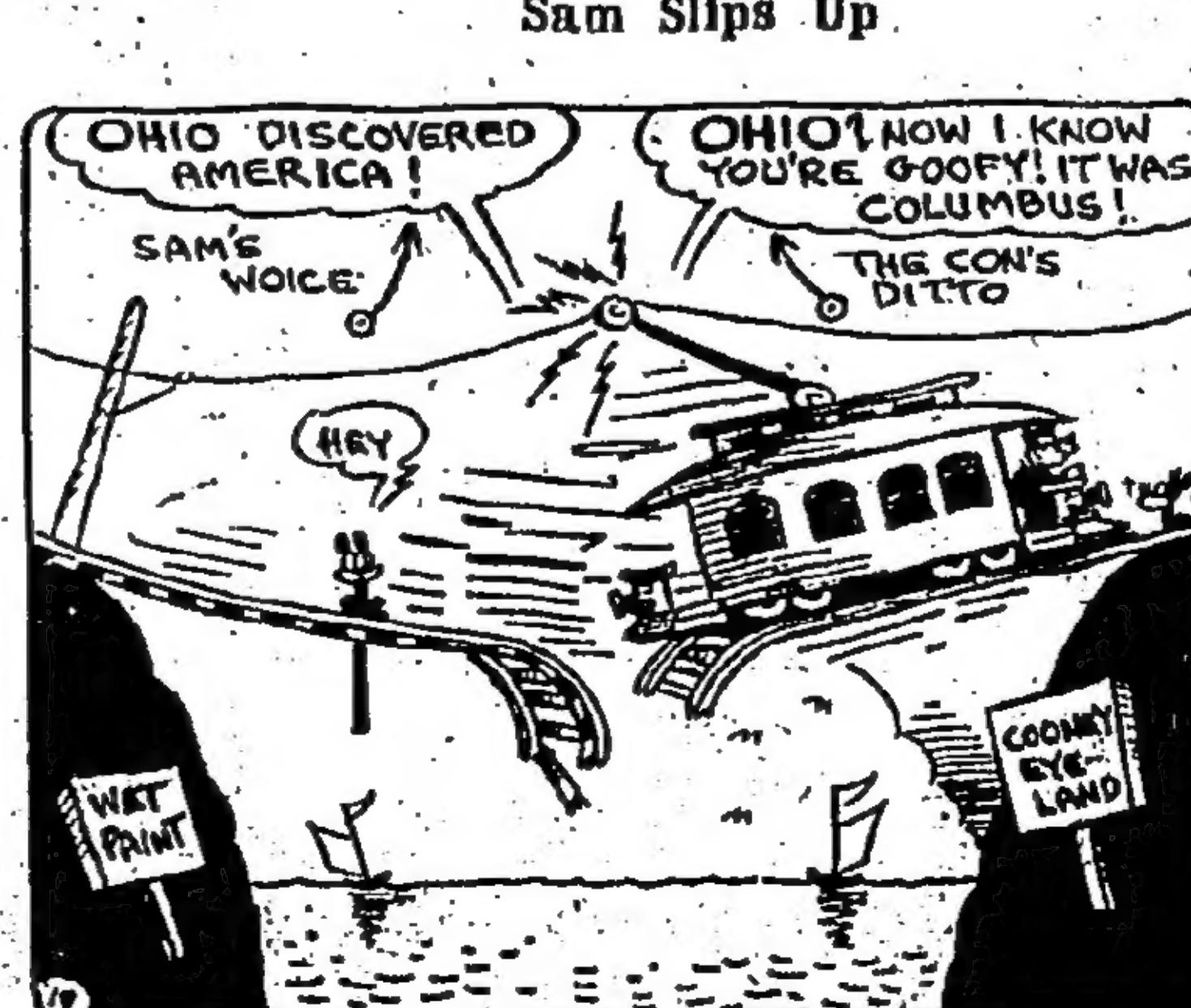
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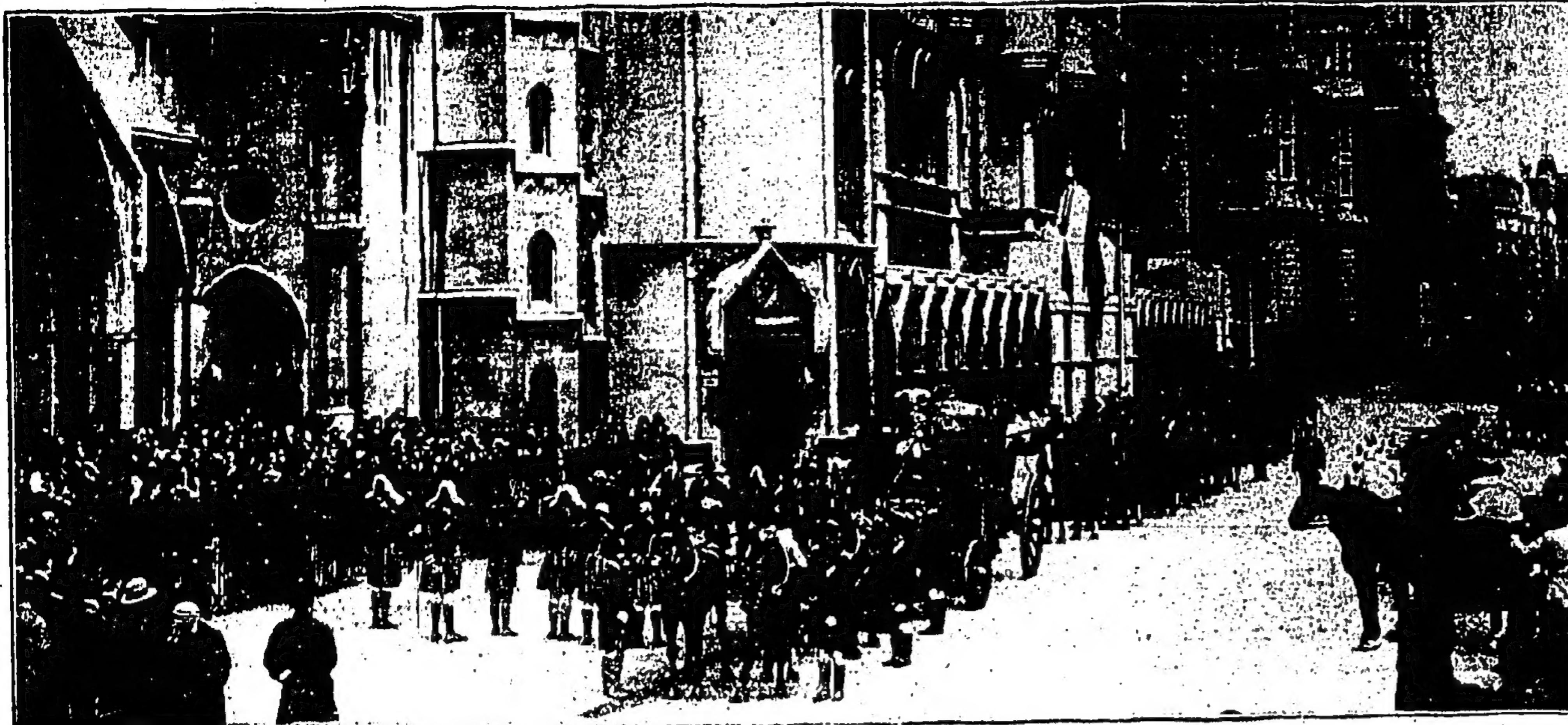


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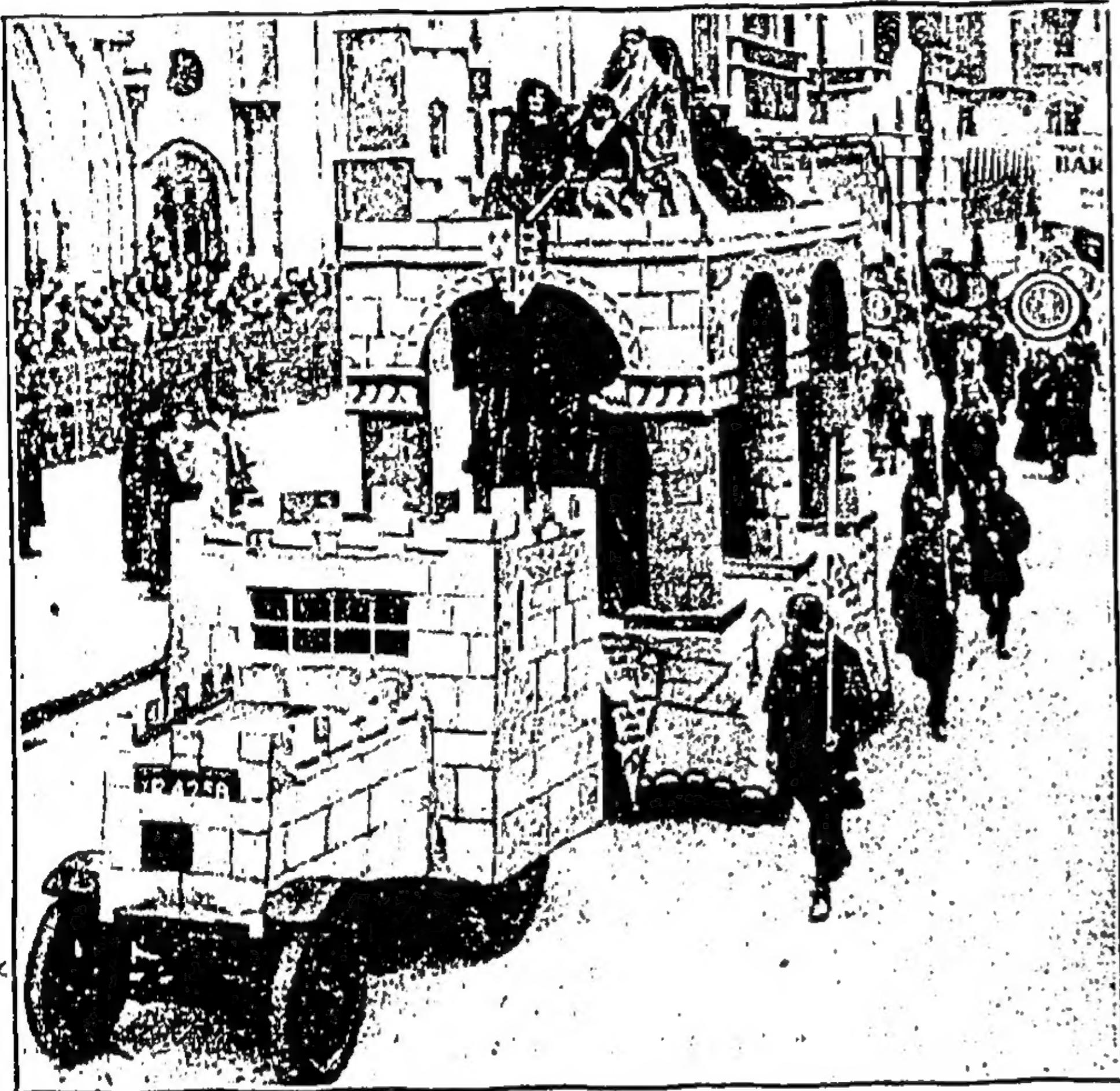


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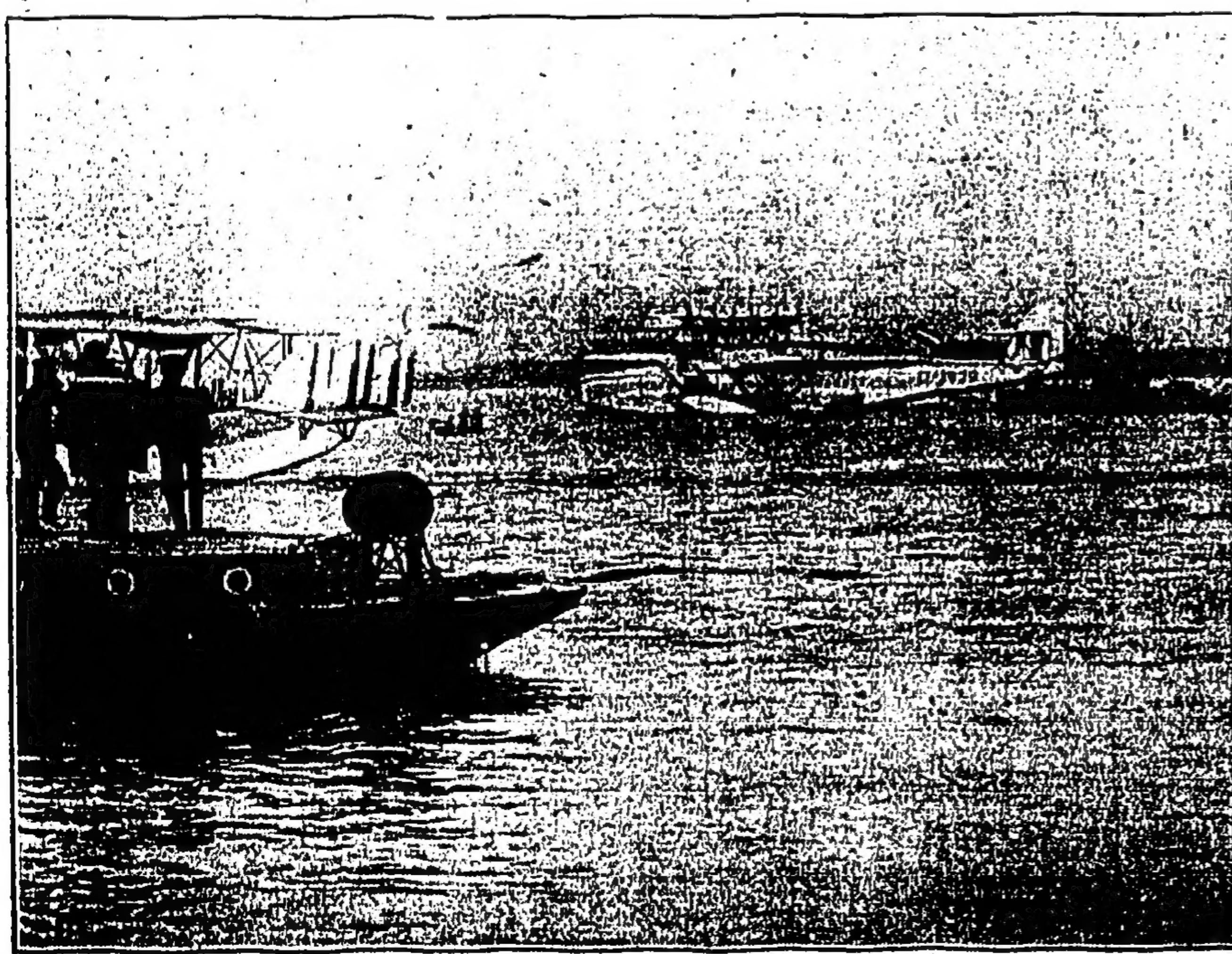
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At the dinner given to the Canada Trade Mission by the Shanghai Chinese C. of C.

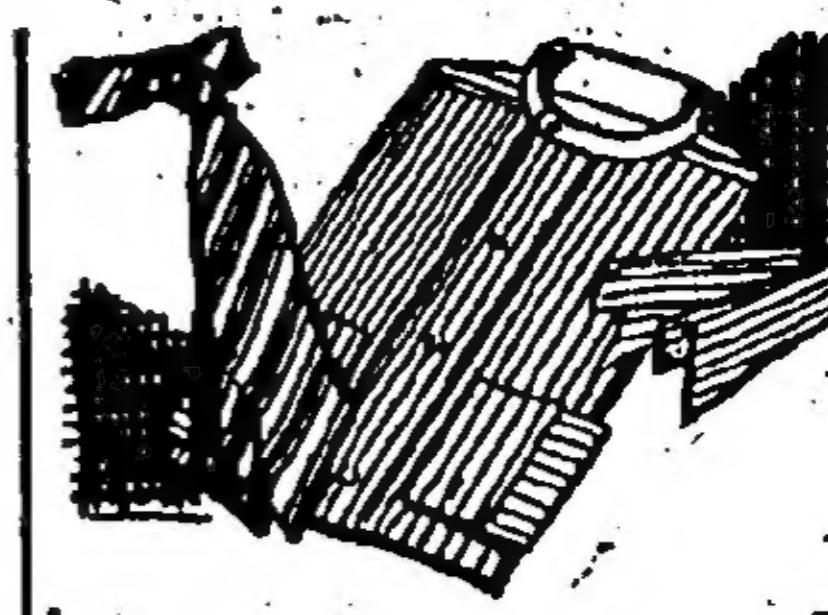


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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure comprising:—

1. That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article 43 of the following new Article, namely,

43 (A) The Company may by ordinary resolution cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of such resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

(b) By the insertion immediately after Article 102 of the following new Article, namely,

102a. The Company may at any time and from time to time in general meeting by resolution authorize the General Managers to capitalize any profits of the Company not required for the time being for payment of dividend upon any preference shares of the Company or other shares issued upon any special conditions, whether standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund or otherwise, and including profits arising from the appreciation in value of capital assets, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal amount, and the General Managers shall give effect to any such resolution accordingly, and any shares allotted pursuant to any such resolution shall be distributed among the members holding shares of the Company so far as practicable in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively, and shall be credited as fully paid by means of the profits so capitalized and the General Managers may make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by the payment of cash or by sale and distribution of the proceeds or otherwise as they may think expedient for the ease of fractions. The General Managers may appoint any person on behalf of the members to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up, and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

102b. The General Managers may, with the sanction of the Company in General Meeting, declare a dividend to be paid to the members according to their rights and interests in the profits, and may fix the time for payment and may with the like sanction declare and pay a dividend or bonus out of any reserve fund and fix the time for payment thereof and may with the like sanction declare and pay bonuses to the Company's employees or any of them.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930 for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930 at 11.5 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as the above meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Company do hereby cancel all shares (namely, 22,277 shares numbered 27724 to 50000) which at the date hereof have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and do hereby diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

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3. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalize the sum of \$77,630 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January 1931 in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid

shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of two shares for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January, 1931.

4. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share the General Managers shall in lieu of issuing fractional certificates cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the General Managers and such share may at such time as the General Managers think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share.

5. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised out of the profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds to pay to the members holding the 27,723 existing shares of the Company as on the 1st day of January, 1931 a sum equal to \$6.00 for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively by way of a bonus dividend out of the profits of the Company.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1930.

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The two-colour hat is smart for winter wear. A bow and band of soft almond green and a dark and crown of very delicate brown felt distinguish this hat which is worn by Mademoiselle Muratore, daughter of the famous opera singer.

FASHION GOSSIP. PRECIOUS LETTERS.

Coats and Dresses.

Tailor-made skirts have three or four panels stitched down half way, or large box pleats.

A herring-bone jersey tweed is being used for afternoon dresses with much success. A smart little dress in this herring-bone jersey tweed in pink and white, is ideal for morning wear. There is a flared skirt, a plain bodice with little white muslin tabs in front, and for finishing touch, a red leather belt at the waist.

The new autumn coats vary in length, from the short high-length jacket, with a narrow belt at the normal waistline, through the three-quarter length coats made with a belt away from the tail, to the full-length evening coats, a mere eighth of an eighth length.

They are often matched by stockings and stockings of the material for collar, cuffs, and bottom ornamentation.

Skirt Lengths.

Paris dressmakers are showing a diversity of skirt lengths. Most clothes for day time wear are usually longer than those of last season, while evening gowns on the contrary are shorter.

Skirt lengths may seem infinitesimal to the uninitiated, but to their wearers they spell the difference between chic and dowdiness. Here are some of the skirt lengths sponsored by the most important dressmakers.

For active sports, skirts are 34 inches, 33 inches, and 32 inches from the floor, tea inches, or from four to eight inches.

At one well-known Paris dress-

maker's, all day-time dresses are from 42 to 43 inches from the ground.

Evening gowns, except those fit very formal for a jamb, are ankle length, instead of sweeping the floor as they did during the last season. This makes them much more practical and suitable for dancing.

Best Hidden Away.

To most people who lead a full life, the question of what letters to keep and which to destroy becomes at one time or another a problem somewhat difficult to solve.

There are painfully practical people who argue that, as letters stored away are hardly ever read, it is folly to give them a house-room, and, acting upon this belief, they destroy all correspondence, no matter how interesting or how moving it may be or may be likely to become.

Lord Birkenhead, I see, framed two letters that meant very much to him, and had them hung above the mantelpiece in his library.

Not many of us take that way of reasoning, but the letter itself and the memory of its contents, if we did, what interesting lights it would throw upon the lives of the two or three whose homes we penetrate.

But, for most of us the memories of old things that have mattered most are too generously touched with sentiment to be displayed even to the eyes of friends.

The letters that hold them are better hidden away. H.M. In

Exchange.

Cut your organdie lengths into seven inches wide and sixteen inches long. Lay a pink strip against a blue one, either

the double strip, like an envelope,

and the edges of the flap in ribbon in the two colours.

Embroider a modernistic design

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A BEAUTY HINT.

Advice of a Beauty Specialist.

This is the advice of a beauty specialist who considers eyebrow shaping a great mistake. A neat and shiny hair-breadth line on the forehead gives a very elegant look to those women who have had their eyebrows plucked until there is nothing left, especially if their eyelashes have been blackened, so that their eyes stare out of a more or less bald face.

Even if you are not going to let your hair grow this winter, if you have been in the habit of plucking your eyebrows, why not let them grow enough to give your face back some of its character?

It seems a pity, now that fashions are so adaptable, not to show some kind of individuality in our personal looks.

Ruffles.

Ruffles have never been so effective or so la mode as this season. They are employed in many different ways. At the hem of skirts, round the sleeves, on the decollete, and even round the waist.

Ruffles run round the long, tight sleeves, and are made into a shell-shaped ruff round the collar. Ruffles are seen round the brims of wide felt hats.

Spinelle the pretty, tip-tilted-nosed actress who is so popular with Parisians, is wearing at the Theatre des Capucines, a bottle-green satin dress, with gold lace ruffles round the full skirt and the 1830 neckline. And there is a ruff of bottle-green velvet round the waist.

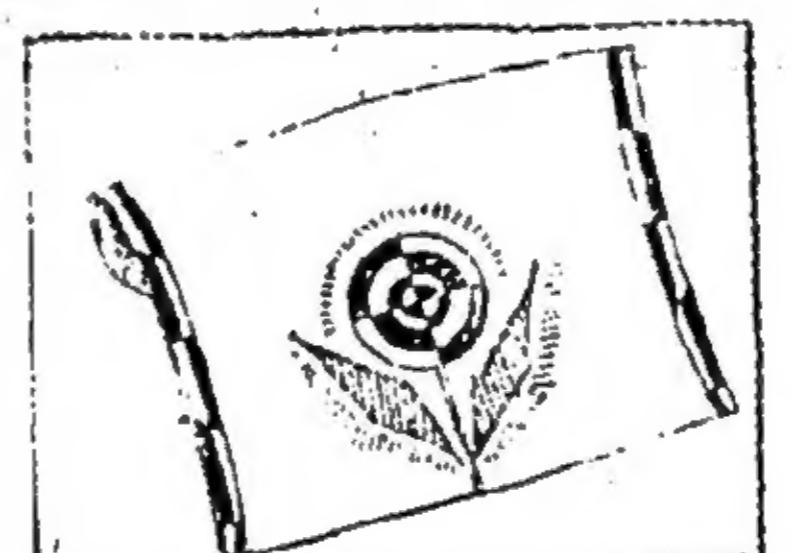
We seem to be in for a velvet season, and those of us who can't afford a real Lyons velvet gown, can have something almost as pretty and elegant in dear old velvetine, which is so much cheaper.

FOR XMAS.

Try Making This.

Every woman would love a week-end envelope handkerchief case for a little Christmas remembrance.

They are so inexpensive and so easy to make! Out of one yard of crisp organdie half a yard pink and half baby blue, or any other



two colours you want and some binding tape or ribbon, you can make five.

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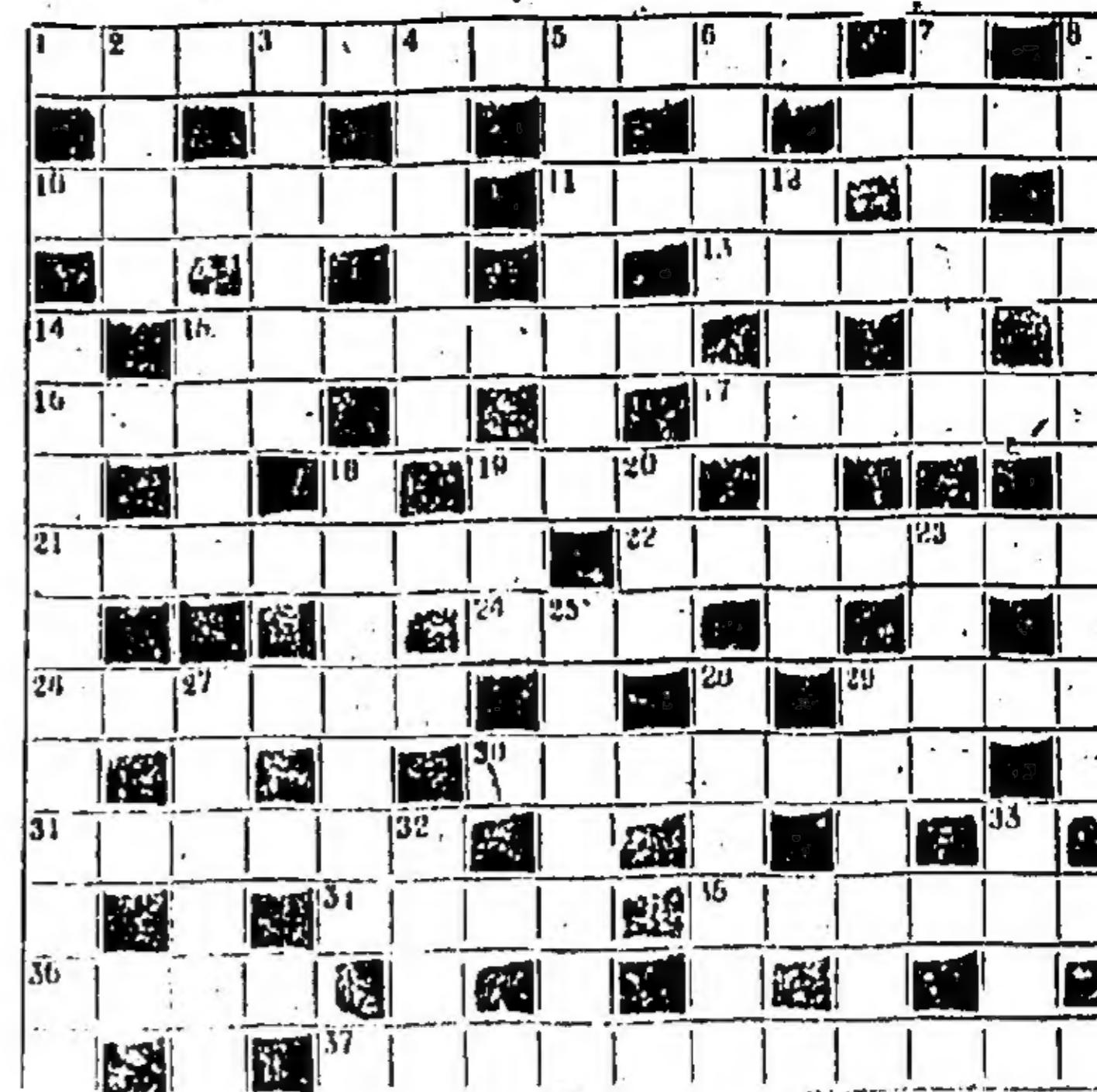
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OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- "Gift! Nice man!" (anag.)
- Preserve this eccentric person.
- This plant yields sarsaparilla.
- What is the tasty part of a knife?
- Not over knobs.
- These are safe—so long as they are.
- Here (apologetically I say it) you may get a name in the neck.
- Name a Scottish canal.
- Such a little ring would never be heard.
- The bosom pal of Pygmalion.
- A deviation from the course returns the right way.
- Not unlike a couple of insects, floating on the surface.
- This fall's without noise—in Scotland.
- A small musical instrument of terracotta.
- Cymbeline's daughter.
- Another musical instrument, but large and of brass.
- Turn upside down.
- Old ones are well known to the police.
- The land of Nod.
- Down
- Charity-like that small slam you gave away recently.
- Mistress Gwynne's other name.
- Usually described as select.
- It's odd, but half of this number may be four in Rome.
- There is no weight in that of a song.
- "Need help, sir?" (anag.)
- This is twisted. It ran back

near the beginning, then led.

14 A most incorrect description of a gas-mantle.

15 What kind of silk reminds one of a spinning-top?

16 Most depressing when wet.

17 There is good deal of style about this.

18 May be won back.

23 A prickly pear—a fruit, which ever way you look at it.

24 Appraise.

27 Not a thought, notwithstanding.

28 What is that which may be easily raised but cannot be lowered?

29 Cry like an urchin.

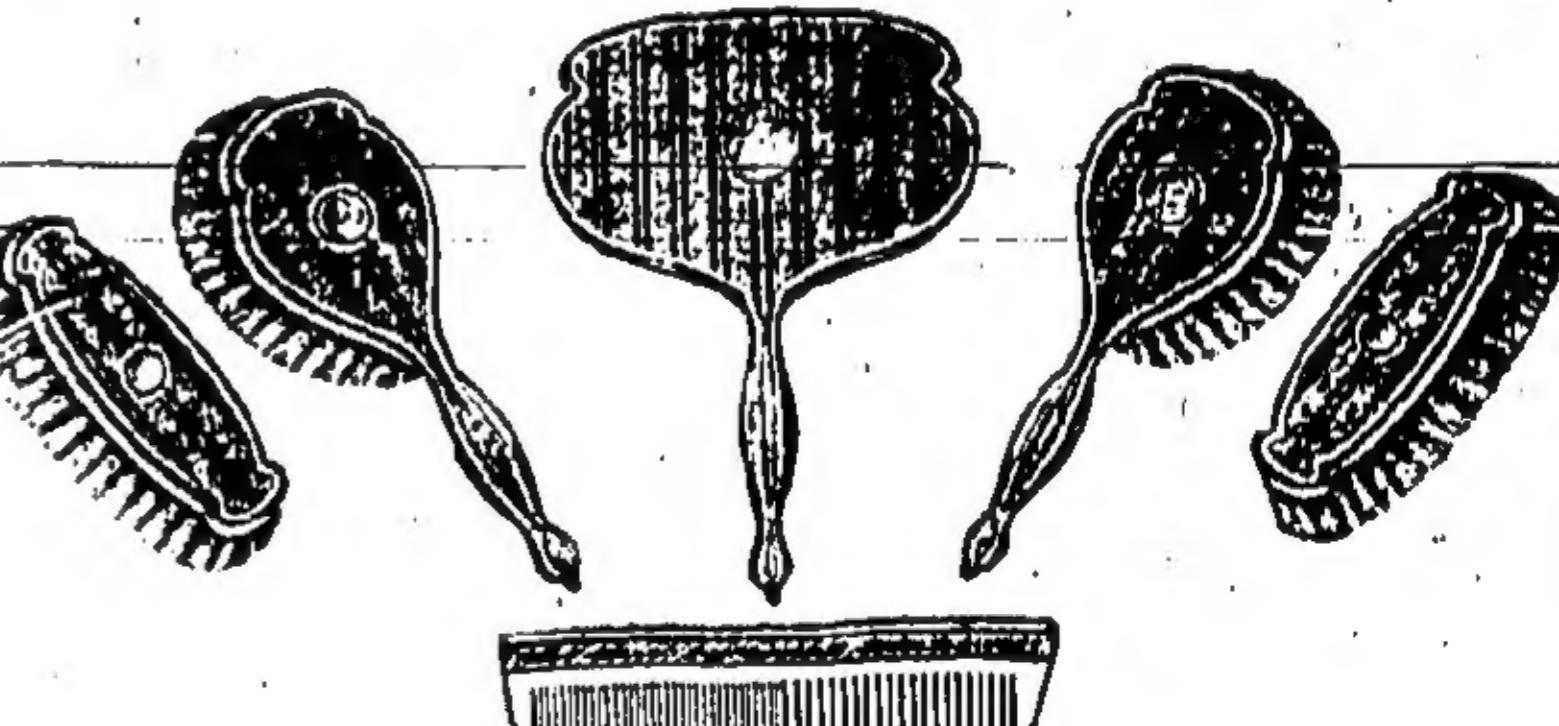
32 This clue is permissible but also void.

33 The midnight bell...with his tongue.—King John.

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LICKLEY.—Frederick Charles
Lickley, 9, Howbeck Terrace,
West Hartlepool. (Shanghai
paper, please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1930.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES.

We wonder whether people in Hongkong give much thought to the matter of the provision of suitable reading matter for patients in hospitals? Most of us, at one time or another, have no doubt sent along "something to read" to friends who happen to have fallen sick and been sent to hospital, and we presume that most of the local institutions have libraries of some kind. But there is in this Colony no organised effort to cater to the needs of the sick in this respect. At Home, however, a splendid work is being done in this direction by the Red Cross and St. John Hospital Library Service which was started during the war but, in response to urgent requests for its continuance, has been carried on ever since. An appeal for additional funds to keep the movement alive has recently been made, and has met with a most encouraging response.

The work which is being done by the organisation named exists almost unnoticed except by a small minority. It is pointed out, however, that to-day there is creeping into the medical world much thought on the curative value of reading, or, technically, the therapeutic value of books. In simple language, this implies that the book must suit the temperament and the mental and physical state of the patient; which again implies its selection by someone who has knowledge of books and understanding of human nature. These qualifications cut at the root of the long-established idea of "a kind gift of old books for the hospital." In some countries, such as Denmark, hospital libraries are organised in co-operation with public libraries, and in most cases with the help of voluntary librarians. In England, some few hospitals have voluntary librarians who do splendid work, but, whatever the principle put into practice, it needs to be remembered that the citizen does not forfeit his rights as a reading member of the public when he enters a hospital ward, that the interactions of mental and physical states are now becoming recognised as supreme factors in a patient's condition, and that the effect of

the right book, especially in long-standing cases and in mental and nervous disorders, has frequently been proved to be invaluable. When we remember these points, it is strange that amongst institutions for which it is now taken for granted that libraries are, or should be, provided, hospitals are the only ones which as yet claim no public recognition. Prisons, schools, clubs, etc., fall within the favoured category, but those who are enduring physical or mental suffering, often enhanced by worry and boredom, are largely outside this social recognition. During the past ten years, public opinion has been moving slowly in this matter, but it is felt that a little more imagination allied to a recognition of the facts will mean a big spread of the idea for which the Hospital Library Service stands.

Hongkong, unfortunately, is poorly served in the matter of libraries, excepting those which are maintained by such institutions as the Hongkong Club and the Helena May Institute, and we fear that very little thought is given to our hospitals in this connexion. Whether anything can be done along the lines of the movement at Home is a matter deserving of attention. The idea is one which should command general sympathy, and maybe something could be done by co-operative effort on the part of existing organisations. At any rate, we throw out the suggestion for what it is worth, feeling that the movement is one which has everything to commend it to the community at large.

The Soviet Way.

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"But, Mother, how do you suppose I feel when you start that line about us always being taken for sisters?"

DAY BY DAY

HE WHO PROLOGUES THE HONESTY OF TO-DAY TILL TO-MORROW WILL PROBABLY PROLOGUE HIS TO-MORROWS TO ETERNITY.—*Laertes.*

The N.Y.K. has issued an effective wall calendar, a copy of which has reached us.

From Messrs. Relais, Massey and Co., Ltd., we have received a handy little pocket diary issued by Samuel Osborn and Co., Ltd., of Clyde Steel Works, Sheffield.

The Police Reserve orders have been amended, and the monthly parade of Chinese and Indian Companies will take place on Wednesday, December 17, instead of today, as previously notified.

An excellent concert of musical items has been arranged by the Kowloon branch of the Helena May Institute for the children for Friday at 5.30 p.m. The programme includes coon songs and dances, which have become a favourite with the children, classical dancing, songs and recitation.

The Committee of the Club Lusitano invites the members of the Club de Recreio, Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos, Liga Portuguesa and Club Lusitano and their families, and other members of the Portuguese Community to a reception to be held at the Club Lusitano to-day, at 6.15 p.m. in honour of H. E. The Minister for Portugal at Peking, Dr. Armando Navarro.

OPIUM HIDDEN IN A POLE.

COOLIE'S INGENUITY LANDS
HIM IN COURT.

The reward for a coolie's ingenuity in the concealment of illicit opium was the imposition of a fine of \$2,000 and the confiscation of the drug by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the man was brought before the Court on a charge of unlawful possession of 24 taels of prepared opium.

Revenue Officer Grimmitt produced what appeared to be nothing but an ordinary bamboo carrying pole but the officer explained to his Worship that the pole had been severed and the two pieces telescoped into each other, with the opium concealed in the middle. A length of rope was tied to the pole where the two ends met so as to conceal the joint, but a sagacious Revenue Officer discovered the man's secret and had him arrested.

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THE TURNING POINT IN MY CAREER.

THOMAS BURKE.

The famous novelist tells how he discovered that Chief Clerks were not omnipotent.

MY life, like most other lives, has had so many turning points, so many blind alleys, so much barking back and restarting, that it is not easy to select any one as the master turn. But I think I can see one, that, if not the master, was, at any rate, of great importance to me.

The general public may think that the turning-point in the life of an author must come when he has his first work accepted, but when I was a 16-year-old office boy I was already a writer (printed and paid for) and I was aware of no turning-point in that. It seemed only to show that as I could, in the phrase of the training schools, write "well enough to get into print." I had better stick to that, and abandon my fond and apparently desperate hope of being a musician.

For it was music that first attracted me in my formating and green-sick desire for "expression."

I had heard Sarasate, and I went straightaway to the study of the violin. I practised on a cousin's fiddle, but, without a fiddle of my own, progress was impossible. I could not afford a fiddle, nor the incidental expenses of strings and music, and as nobody showed any optimism about my musical promise I abandoned it in disgust.

The Dreamer.

Then I heard Caruso, and I decided that the loveliest career in life was that of an opera singer. I tried to sing, but

However, the glamour of the idea remained, and through hours of wandering about London at night I would indulge my heart with idiotic dreams of myself singing at Covent Garden.

Well, dreams do sometimes come true, if not always in the shape we give them. This one did. It may be that the mental waves of my dreams were emitted with such force that they had to find some resting-place where they could reproduce themselves in palpable form. I don't know, I only know that I dreamed furiously of being an opera singer, of seeing my name on the Covent Garden bills—"Dag Grieux" . . .

Thomas Burke—"Rodolfo" . . . Thomas Burke—and at last I did see it there.

You may remember that in 1920 Thomas Burke sang those roles at Covent Garden.

But that had nothing to do with me.

The obvious thing for me to do was to stop dreaming, and stick to writing; so I stuck to it. And about twice a year I was rewarded by an acceptance and a slender cheque.

I then discovered that I really wanted to do nothing else but write, and I was chuffed and gallied by my dreary nine-to-seven life

There was a peremptory order, and a somewhat slow compliance. This led to a snappy reprimand, which I resented—audibly. Compliments pass when gentlefolk meet. When other folk meet, "remarks" pass. Several passed on this occasion, until the clerk made a reference that touched me on a sore spot. Without thought of my obligations, I reached for a black ruler, with the deliberate and hearty intent of murder.

The Rebel.

For the first and only time in my life I knew the joy of having the world in my power, and, but for the indigestion, I might by now have just completed a long sentence for manslaughter. But I was only four feet from the clerk, but I missed him, and killed instead the window of the board room door.

I then put on my cap, and walked out swelling with the dignity of five-feet of rebellion.

That, I think, was my turning-point, and a very useful one, because it put me out in the world, jobless, with no "character," or "reference," and no hope. I stood alone. The thing that I had not dared to do—to throw up my job before I had another—had been done for me. I had got my chance. I had escaped from servitude and the spirit of servitude. The rest was for me.

Was I, down-hearted? I was. But I discovered that for the doing of things, and for the handling of troubles, the best state is that dogged, level state which comes when optimism has gone. I had escaped from ignoble safety into a prospect of misery. I had to get out of it. And, of course, so responsive is the human temper to all demands put upon it, I got out. Simply because I had to.

I had learned that day that chief clerks were not gods—they were terrified of black rulers. It was a useful lesson. Then, and ever since, I saw "bosses" as chief clerks mumbling.

RED THREAT ON NAMYUNG.

URGENT APPEAL MADE TO CANTON FOR AID.

TROOPS BEING SENT.

Canton, Dec. 9. Besieged by over 2,000 Communist bandits, who are opposed by a small number of village gendarmes in the outskirts of the city, Namyung is in a state of great tension at present. According to an official communiqué from the Chinese Magistrate the city is in danger of falling into "Red" hands in the event of reinforcements not being forthcoming from Canton at the earliest possible moment.

Defeated by the Nationalist forces in southern Kiangsi, the Communist hordes now assailing Namyung are the same bands which have been responsible for the orgy of plundering and massacres committed at Kialun, Kialuh and Nankang during the past few months. Hard pressed by the Nationalist armies in Kiangsi, the bandits are retreating to Northern Kwangtung.

Attack on City.

The Communists commenced assailing Namyung on Saturday morning when they encountered the village gendarmes some ten miles from the city. In the absence of an army, the Magistrate mobilised volunteers among the villagers to co-operate with the gendarmes and a keen tussle with the bandits took place in the afternoon, resulting in the "Reds" receiving a temporary set-back. Meanwhile, telegrams were dispatched to Canton appealing for immediate reinforcements. A similar telegram was sent by the commercial bodies to the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce requesting the latter to urge the Canton Government to take immediate action.

The latest messages from Namyung state that while skirmishes between the gendarmes and bandits have taken place between Saturday morning and last evening, the fighting was confined to places outside the city, which was quiet though most perturbed.

Threat to Railway.

The apprehension in Canton for the safety of Namyung is principally due to its nearness to Shiuwan, the terminus of the Canton-Shiuwan Railway. A Communist occupation of Namyung on Shiuwan would affect communication on this railway. At Shiuwan there is a regiment of troops belonging to the 63rd Nationalist Division sent there some weeks ago when the anti-Communist war commenced in Kiangsi, when a Communist retreat to Northern Kwangtung was anticipated.

Canton to Help.

Following the receipt of the Namyung telegrams, General Chan Chal-tung of the Canton Headquarters ordered the mobilisation of the 240th Brigade of the 62nd Nationalist Division, Kwangtung, and a large contingent of units of this Brigade was seen massing at the Canton-Shiuwan Railway Station early this morning, awaiting entrainment for Shiuwan en route to Namyung.

Two special troop trains departed this morning and the vanguard is expected to arrive at Namyung some time to-morrow. To ensure the tranquillity of other districts along this railway, Canton will dispatch a regiment to Yingtak in Northern Kwangtung and they may join in the war against the bandits at Namyung if this is necessary. This regiment will leave on Thursday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Two Pictures."

[To the Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir.—As bearing upon local and world-wide economic problems discussed in your columns at one time and another during the past few months, I should like to give two pen pictures drawn from actual observation.

For many years now I have observed in this Colony gangs of workmen whose method of procedure is as follows:

Arriving on the job shortly after 8 a.m., they immediately sit down and rest till 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. till 11 a.m. a few of their number—never more than a fifth—do a little work in a leisurely fashion, the remaining crowd acting as spectators merely. From 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. seems to be time and siesta hour. From 2 p.m. till 3 p.m. a little work may be done. If so, it is done in exactly the same manner as that of the forenoon. After 3 p.m. they seemingly call it a day, and prepare for home. I have seen quite large jobs done in this manner—but at what a loss! The all-in cost must mean an expenditure of tens of dollars for every cent's worth of output. Can you wonder, Sir, that for most people times are hard?

WOMEN'S NEW DEMAND IN DRESS.

STYLE, NOT PRICE, SAYS EXPERT.

If British manufacturers would only offer the right stuff the British woman would do her part in keeping the home looms turning, declares Mr. Edward H. Symonds, managing director of Messrs. Revilles, Ltd., and president of the British Fashions and Fabrics Bureau.

"Style competition has taken the place of price competition," he told Bradford textile manufacturers.

"Bradford," he continued, "has the men, women, technicians, machines and commercial ability to produce exactly what the world of fashion demands. But this ability has not been turned to profitable account by your industry—a fact which is a mystery to everyone but the manufacturers themselves.

"No matter how good the quality, the modern woman will not buy material of unfashionable texture, colour and design."

Dancing, motoring and outdoor sports had revolutionised the clothing of every class of woman.

"We can build a great future for British trade," Mr. Symonds concluded, "by the marriage of industry and art."

HONGKONG ART CLUB EXHIBITION.

CHARMING WORK OF LOCAL ARTISTS.

Boldness and simplicity in the use of colour, and, in many cases, originality in the choice of subjects, feature the annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club, which opened in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant this morning, attracting many visitors, who found much to excite interest and admiration in the works of local artists.

The standard of the exhibits is without doubt well up to past achievements, and the work of several new exhibitors contributes to the success.

Mr. Techeung Hong, who figures amongst the newcomers, displays some particularly interesting studies in pastels, the use of colours being most effective.

Mrs. M. O. Pfister is again showing some splendid work, local scenes being extremely well depicted in a series of pastels.

Visitors cannot help being impressed by the very bold and wholly delightful studies by Mrs. Smyly, her Chinese temple scenes in water-colour being amongst the best in the exhibition.

Mrs. Shenton has a wide range of pictures. She has not confined herself to purely local scenes. A lake scene in the lower Rockies is a fine piece of art, the artist having given the subject worthy treatment. Three studies of Brittany cannot fail to attract, and a judicious use of colours is revealed in the scenes of Stanley and Deep Water Bay.

Miss Peyton has chosen Normandy for her chief subjects, her countryside scenes being characteristic of this charming corner of Europe. The Temple Gate and the Pier at Wei-hai-wei are also full of talent.

Commandant Gaudre's entries are made interesting by the versatility of the subjects presented. Interior views of de l'Eglise s'Laurent (Paris) and de Notre Dame de Paris call for special attention, and there will be many to find equal delight in his depiction of local scenes, chiefly of native workers and street studies.

Mr. G. W. Arnold is responsible for striking the only real note of modernism, two of his works being excellent examples of this technique. He shows several other fine specimens of colour-work, though they follow more orthodox lines of treatment.

These are but few of the exhibitors who contribute to an exhibition of outstanding merit. Equal pleasure will be found in studying the clever and original exhibits in the arts and crafts section by Mr. A. Abbotts, Mrs. Danby, Dr. Newton, Lady Peel, Mrs. Pfister and Mrs. Smyly, whose photographs, Christmas cards, plaque, statuettes, tapestry and miniatures, form a collection of attractive exhibits.

The complete list of exhibitors is as follows:—Mr. A. Abbotts, Mrs. Knight Anstey, Mr. G. W. Arnold, Mrs. Balaam, Mrs. Balaam, Dr. Balaam, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Commandant Gaudre, Miss Maud Crawford, Mrs. Danby, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. E. Grimble, Miss Harry, Mr. S. D. Iggleston, Mrs. Koop, Mr. A. J. Lane, Mrs. Macfadyen, Miss B. Macfadyen, Miss Phyllis L. Murray, Dr. I. Newton, Lady Peel, Miss Peyton, Mrs. M. O. Pfister, Mrs. R. Sayer, Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. Smyly, Mrs. Evan Stewart, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lander Lewis.

The exhibition will be continued throughout to-day and to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Two Pictures."

[To the Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir.—As bearing upon local and world-wide economic problems discussed in your columns at one time and another during the past few months, I should like to give two pen pictures drawn from actual observation.

Now for the other picture. At the same time that my attention was first directed to these men there were working quite adjacent a large number of men under foreign contract. These latter, native and foreign alike, were on the job "Sunday and Monday" from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m., working with an energy I have never seen equalled except by the bee or peasant farmer. Their output was tremendous.

What is the result? Some weeks ago you published as a news item that this Company, working up North, had secured an immense five-year contract, and was starting immediately with a nucleus of 2,500 men.

All of which, Sir, goes to prove your contention that there is no real over-production, that even despite the terrible handicap imposed on a war-wrecked world by those who sheltered themselves, don't mind how others weather the storm, there is still reward for effort, and scope for value-for-money production.—Yours, etc., BUSINESS.

I am fully convinced that the burden imposed upon industrious

"OUR POOR" FETE RESULTS.

GROSS RECEIPTS MORE THAN \$20,000.

RAFFLE WINNERS.

We are informed that the gross receipts during the whole day of the St. Vincent de Paul Fete were over \$9,000. Special thanks are due to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank for allowing this money to be taken into the Bank at night, thus relieving the Committee of great responsibility. The total gross takings, including the sale of roses and motor-car tickets, amount to \$20,868.35.

Raffle Results.

The results of the various raffles held were as follows:

Surprise Cake.—Gold bracelet, Mrs. A. Xavier; one sovereign. Inspector Murphy.

Embroidered Bedspread.—1st prize, Mrs. P. Grace; 2nd prize, Mr. P. A. Ivanovich; 3rd prize, Mr. J. M. Noronha; 4th prize, Mr. J. M. Alves.

Guessing Competition.—Turkey: Correct weight 14 lb. 7 oz. (Sergt. H. Daly, and Mr. J. Kueen); Ham: Correct weight 11 1/2 lb. (Mr. A. Wheeler); Goose: Correct weight 11 lb. 13 oz. (Miss C. E. Remedios).

American Stall.

1st Drawing.—1st, K. M. Taiti; 2nd, F. J. Tavares; 3rd, Edrez d' Aquino; 4th J. M. Alves; 5th M. d' Assumpcao.

2nd Drawing.—1st, Simon Tse; 2nd, Miss G. Chao; 3rd, Lam Wing-chin; 4th, Ho Hong; 5th, E. W. J. Sun.

3rd Drawing.—1st, K. Shoon; 2nd, J. Lewis; 3rd, H. Dixon; 4th, Chan Man-pin; 5th, K. James.

4th Drawing.—1st, Gohly; 2nd, Mrs. Grace; 3rd, K. C. Fong; 4th, Billy Alves; 5th F. Gonzales.

5th Drawing.—1st, F. K. Modi; 2nd, Angelina Yau; 3rd, Benny Omer; 4th, D. A. Xario; 5th, A. R. Chan.

6th Drawing.—1st, Gwedy Costa; 2nd, E. Yau; 3rd, G. A. Nalin; 4th, J. Dohren; 5th, Wm. Dornbus.

7th Drawing.—Cancelled.

8th Drawing.—Cancelled.

9th Drawing.—Cancelled.

10th Drawing.—Cancelled.

11th Drawing.—Cancelled.

12th Drawing.—1st, F. H. Lopez; 2nd, Paul R. King; 3rd, Chan Leung; 4th, Alice Lopez; 5th, F. de la Cruz.

13th Drawing.—1st, F. C. Laurel; 2nd, J. Situ; 3rd, G. W. Cooper; 4th, M. d' Assumpcao; 5th, F. de la Cruz.

14th Drawing.—1st, Beatriz Soares; 2nd, J. V. Pereira; 3rd, D. S. Antonio; 4th, Ho Shal Yung; 5th, G. S. Donoghoe.

15th Drawing.—1st, A. Leong; 2nd, Esperance Ribeiro; 3rd, B. D. Kharan; 4th D. Brown; 5th J. Walsh.

16th Drawing.—1st, Lee Hua-kok; 2nd, F. Maloof; 3rd, G. K. Moorwood; 4th H. Durnjee; 5th, King Kow.

Acknowledgment.

The Bazaar Committee wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks gifts to the Bazaar from—The Sun Co., Ltd., the Kowloon Confectionery and Bakery, The Italian Convent, the British American Tobacco, the Orient Tobacco Manufacture, the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., the Dairy Farm Co., Messrs. D. Hutchison & Co., Messrs. C. Chan & Co., Messrs. Lane Crawford's Ltd., Messrs. Wassimull Assomull & Co., Messrs. H. Buttress & Son, Messrs. Grace & Co., The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. for the free illumination which was most effective, the St. Lewis Industrial School Band which rendered most pleasing selections throughout the evening, and the Press for their ever-ready courtesy and publicity.

WEIGHING MACHINE STOLEN.

TWO CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny and were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The first defendant was charged with having stolen from No. 17, Argyle Street, on December 3, a weighing machine and 70 catties of rice, the property of Ho Kau-on, the landlord of No. 19, Argyle Street. The second defendant was charged in respect of the theft of the weighing machine only and four weeks.

Sub-Inspector Evans said that No. 17 was a rice shop owned by a man who had absconded because he could not pay his rent. The premises were closed up by the complainant, who was the landlord, and who subsequently took out the warrant against the two defendants. Four men were soon to enter the premises on December 3, but he could not say if the defendants were two of them. The defendants were arrested on information when they tried to sell the rice at 886, Canton Road, where they were living.

The machine had been sold to a marine hawker for \$12. It was valued at \$30. The rice was valued at \$30.

"CUT-THROAT FREIGHTS."

CONDITIONS IN SHIPPING TRADE WITH CONTINENT.

Manchester, Nov. 10. The cut-throat competition in carrying freight between the United Kingdom and the Continent was referred to at the first annual meeting of the North Atlantic Shippers' Conference in Manchester to-day.

The Chairman, Mr. J. H. C. Hodgson, President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the Committee had undertaken to do all in its power to maintain the best conditions for cargo moving over the North Atlantic route. Never within present-day memory had trade been subject to such keen competition.

"We have fully made up our minds (Mr. Hodgson said) that it is unreasonable to expect the lines to effect wholesale reductions of their tariff to the level of rates operating from the Continent. We have come to that opinion, if for no other reason than that there is no level to Continental rates. We have been authoritatively satisfied that in numerous cases rates from Antwerp and Hamburg are unremunerative to those who accept them.

"Certain of the British lines do run from north Continental ports, and the cut-throat competition which exists over there is a matter of great concern to them. Shippers from the United Kingdom enjoy one certain advantage, namely, that which comes from hard and fast regularity of sailings. The position on the Continent is different. Tramp methods are employed, and the freight market is distinctly of the cut-throat type. I, personally, cannot visualise that these are conditions which British shippers would wish for themselves."

The affidavit continues that during the course of its business the Company has accumulated a reserve of upwards of \$900,000 and the capital had been increased from \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000. It has now a large and continually extending connexion and it has extensive opportunities of doing business of the character authorised by the proposed extension of objects, and experience has shown that its objects, as they stood, were inconveniently restricted, and that its existing business was detrimentally affected by the absence of powers which would be conferred by the objects set out in the resolution.

The Company has ample working capital and its assets are far more than sufficient to pay all its debts and to make good the whole of its paid-up capital and, moreover, has plenty of capital to work its business and the proposed additional business. No-one, says the affidavit, will be prejudiced by the proposed alteration.

GOVERNMENT WORK.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, in answer to Sir G. Penny, in the House of Commons, said: The appointment of 53 Commissions and Committees has been announced since the present Government took office. Thirteen are Standing Committees. Of the remainder four have issued a report or reports.

Captain Crookshank (C. Gainsborough)—Is the personnel of the 160,000 persons to whom the Government have given work under their schemes? (Laughter.)

CEMENT COMPANY EXPANSION.

COURT GRANTS CHANGE IN MEMORANDUM

REASONS OUTLINED.

An application for the Memorandum of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., to be altered in accordance with a special resolution passed by shareholders, was granted by Mr. Justice Wood in the Supreme Court this morning. The application was made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. C. Macnamara, of Messrs. Dentons.

Counsel pointed out that the Company started business in 1889 and it was the usual case of a Company formed many years ago desiring to bring its Memorandum into modern form. A petition on file gave reasons why the alterations were asked for, in which it was pointed out that changing conditions of modern commerce required the alterations if the Company was to carry on its business successfully. That petition was supported by an affidavit by Mr. John Scott Hartson, Chairman of the Company, who had been a Director for five and a half years, and who spoke to the necessity of the alterations.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Potter said the resolution was passed unanimously; there were no dissentients. If there were any dissentients, the present was the time for them to appear, but none were present.

Speaking of the additional powers given, counsel said that 90 per cent. of the new Memorandum was clearly the implied terms of the old Memorandum.



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**SOCCER DISPUTE
ISSUES.**

**APOLOGY WANTED FOR
LETTER.**

Members of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, at a meeting yesterday, passed a resolution to write a letter calling upon Mr. J. Lee, of the Chinese Athletic Association, either to confirm that he wrote a letter referring to the recent soccer suspensions to the *South China Morning Post* on November 14, or to give a public apology. The matter was raised by Mr. R. D. Duncan, who was particularly mentioned, and who said it was a slight not only on himself but on the Emergency Committee of the Council as well.

Mr. J. D. Ortonson presided over the meeting.

Mr. Duncan referred to a letter which appeared in the *South China Morning Post* under the heading of "Soccer Suspensions" in the issue of November 14, over the signature of J. Lee, Hon. Football Manager, Chinese Athletic Association. He said that the letter conveyed the idea that he (Mr. Duncan) was more or less responsible for the two players being suspended and, further, the letter credited him with saying, "You may stay at this meeting provided you keep your mouth shut and be a good boy".

"I think anyone who knows me," said Mr. Duncan, "knows perfectly well that I would not make such a statement to any person, and this letter is really an official statement. First of all it is a slight on myself, secondly, on the Emergency Committee, and thirdly on this Council, and I consider it is the duty of the Council to write to Mr. Lee or to his Club and ask for an explanation or an apology."

Chairman's Query.

"The chairman: Why raise this question again? At the last meeting of the Council they passed a vote of confidence in the Emergency Committee and I do not think we need to take any notice of correspondence which appears in the Press. We have every confidence in the Emergency Committee and I do not think you should raise it again."

Mr. Duncan:—That letter is written to paper and is signed by the manager of this Club. It is signed "J. Lee, Hon. Football Manager, Chinese Athletic Association" and it we are not prepared to take notice of a matter such as that I am afraid it is not going to say very much for this Council."

The chairman:—Well, I reviewed the matter very thoroughly at the last meeting and I do not consider anything more need be said.

Mr. Duncan:—It is in the hands of the Council but I think that something should be done.

The chairman:—Besides, that letter is dated a month ago.

Mr. Duncan:—That letter was written on November 14 after the last Council meeting. We have had no occasion to discuss the letter prior to to-night.

The chairman:—Well, will you make a proposal?

Mr. Duncan:—No, I will do nothing of the kind.

The chairman:—No action can be taken unless a proposal is made.

Mr. Duncan:—I quite agree.

Proposal Put.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin:—I beg to propose that we ask for an explanation or an apology. I read the letter at the time and I thought it was a very nasty letter. I really cannot imagine Mr. Duncan having said such a thing.

The chairman:—I am quite sure he never did say it, but I treat these things with contempt.

Mr. Baldwin:—I think we ought to do something about it.

Mr. Duncan:—It is a case where the authority of this Association is at stake as regards the public.

The chairman:—I do not quite agree to that saying. A very full statement was made at the last meeting. However, we can have a proposal.

Mr. Hollands:—I have already written to Mr. Lee and asked him to confirm the fact that he wrote the letter, but it has been ignored.

The chairman:—I did not know that.

Mr. Hollands:—I wrote and asked him to confirm the fact that he wrote the letter to the paper, but I have not had any reply.

The chairman:—Why did your letter not come forward to-night?

Mr. Hollands:—I was not aware of the fact that Mr. Duncan was going to bring the matter up.

Mr. Duncan:—I am aware that I am an individual, and particularly mentioned, otherwise it would not matter so much. Had it affected any other member of this Council I certainly would have spoken very much more strongly. If you are going to have a governing body then you must be considered as such.

The chairman:—It does not affect me at all, what Mr. Lee says.

Mr. Duncan:—Mr. Lee signed this letter as manager of the Association, otherwise I would not have mentioned the matter.

The letter written by Mr. Hollands was read out after which Mr. Baldwin repeated his resolution, to the effect that a letter be sent to Mr. Lee asking him to verify his letter to the paper or to give a public apology for making such a statement.

Mr. Denkin seconded, and the resolution was carried.

Recent Shanghai Incident.

During the meeting reference was made to a cable received from Shanghai.

HUNT CLUB RUN.

GUNNERS HOLD FIRST DRAG OF THE SEASON.

The Drag, which is being opened next Sunday at the "Hunting Arms," the large gathering, including H. E. Sir William Peel, Capt. Coltham, Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mrs. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. G. G. Moxon, Mr. A. J. P. Heard, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Macgown, Major and Mrs. Hewson and many others.

Mr. Alec Potts was present from the Volunteer Camp in uniform with a full party of his troopers. They all rode in uniform and military array, combining a little training with the pleasure of participating in a very excellent ride to hounds.

A stirrup cup was passed round by Mr. Potts and his "quarter block" Mr. Macnamara, on behalf of the troopers, to which the hunters did full justice, after which Mr. Mould moved off with his pack to Sowas's bungalow. Hounds were put in a short distance from the bunglow and a fast run was made by the leaders past the Country Club in the direction of the Shun Chun river, which they crossed in full cry along the foothills to Lo Wu Camp to a check. After a short respite, bounds were taken across the Lo Wu river and Mould soon had his pack semimounting ready on a fresh line, with the patrol, with which winds off in the direction of Tolo. Pairs, and solo-hounds were able to get an uninterrupted view of the whole field as they recrossed the river and made a "kill" at Doubtless Hill.

Owing to an outbreak of distemper the pack was small, but the hounds which turned out carried a good head of followers, of which only a dozen were in at the kill. Taking a line on the opening run, thrusters will have their work cut out later in the season when the pack will be at full strength.

Mould and his whips are to be congratulated on a very successful opening to the season, and I have no doubt a big attendance will be registered at the next meet.

Forthcoming Meets.

Porthoming Meets are as follow:
Wed. Dec. 10th.—Kennels, 3.15 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 13th.—Dill's Corner, 3.15 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 17th.—Hung Lin (Shan Tau Kok Road), 3.15 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 20th.—Sheung Shui, Police Station, 3.15 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 24th.—Panling Station, 3.15 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 26th.—Hunters Arms, 3.15 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 31st.—Kennels, 3.15 p.m.

RUGBY.

**CLUB "A" TEAM FOR
TO-DAY.**

The following will represent the Club "A" versus a Navy "A" to-day, December 10th, at 4.45 p.m.:—
S. J. H. Fox; Harris-Walker, D. F. Kilby, H. V. Koop (Capt.), R. H. Griffiths; J. S. Lee, G. A. L. Plummer; W. F. Peers, Watson, H. D. Clippingdale, E. G. Dale, W. R. Andrews, W. F. Kerr, E. F. Buttress, Wilson.
Referee:—Mr. G. F. Rees.

FOOTBALL.

**LADY INVERCLYDE'S
NULLITY SUIT.**

PLEA OF "FOREIGN" DOMICILE.

A suit for nullity of marriage brought by Lady Inverclyde ("June" the actress) against her husband, Lord Inverclyde, was mentioned before Mr. Justice Bateson in the Divorce Court recently.

When the case was opened Mr. Norman Birrell, K.C., said that the matter before the Court at the moment was a summons taken out by the respondent, Lord Inverclyde, to dismiss a petition upon the ground that that Court had no jurisdiction to entertain it. The first application was to dismiss the petition on the ground of no jurisdiction. Subsequently a summons was taken out by the petitioner for the payment of alimony *pendente lite*. "Our summons this morning," said Mr. Birrell, "is to dismiss that petition on the same ground—lack of jurisdiction."

Mr. Birrell pointed out that in the petition it was stated that after the marriage (which took place in London in March last year) the petitioner lived at Park-street, London, at Renfrew in Scotland, and other places, but that the marriage had not been consummated. It also stated that he was a Peer, and had no occupation and was domiciled in Scotland, but resided partly in London and partly in Renfrew. "Your petitioner is also domiciled in Scotland," added the petition, as read by Mr. Birrell.

Lady Inverclyde's Residence.

Lady Inverclyde, it was stated, had no permanent address, but was living at present at Holliford-road, Hampshire. Mr. Birrell said that it was a suit for nullity, and the domicile of both parties was conceded to be foreign—that was Scotland. The marriage was celebrated, in fact, in London, and there was at the time residence in London as well as in Scotland. These matters might be material to what he was going to put before the Court. The matter which was before the Court at the same time, said Mr. Birrell, was a summons taken out for alimony *pendente lite*. He submitted that that summons also was covered by the first matter, and that that Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the suit.

Mr. Justice Bateson—You submit that if the first summons goes, the other goes?

Mr. Birrell said that it would appear that the point at issue in the precise form in which he proposed to submit it had never been determined by any of the Courts. He contended that in a suit for nullity on the grounds alleged in the petition, where it was conceded that there was a foreign domicile, the only Court to exercise jurisdiction in the matter was the Court of foreign domicile. He knew of no case where that point had been taken at that stage, originally to strike out on the ground of lack of jurisdiction.

Ante-Nuptial Settlement.

Mr. Birrell said that the only other matter which he ought to mention was an ante-nuptial settlement entered into between the parties in March, 1929. The material sentence was that "It is hereby provided that the rights of the parties and of all beneficiaries shall be interpreted and constituted according to the law of Scotland, in which country the first party is domiciled." The point was short and simple. He contended that the law to apply was the law of domicile, which in this case was Scotland, and if that were so that Court had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Birrell had not concluded his address when the hearing was adjourned.

FOOTBALL.

**UNIVERSITY TEAM TO PLAY
KOWLOON.**

The following players have been selected to represent the "Varsity XI" against Kowloon Club on Saturday, December 20th, sharp. Ground: Recrelo, Kowloon.
D. A. Oppenheim; E. L. Harrison, H. T. Bee (Vice Capt.); S. Reed; S. Wong (Capt.), K. S. Lew; T. Y. On, C. C. Candah, C. K. Tan, P. P. Kho, K. Y. Lee.

HOCKEY.

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The first eleven of the Hongkong Hockey Club plays the Royal Navy on the U. S. I. C. ground, at 5 p.m. to-morrow and will be represented by the following players: Gregory, W. Woodward, J. E. Henry, A. Dand, M. W. Turner, J. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, C. Franks, G. R. More, M. G. Marriott and T. J. Price.

A complete reserve team was chosen for the match.

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An injunction to his son not to squander in the estate is contained in the will of Liu Fat-chun, or Lucy Fat-chun, who died at Sam To Village, To Shan District, on November 15, last year, leaving Hongkong estate worth \$16,300. Probate of the will has been granted to his son, Liu In, living at No. 4, Wing Lok Street, to whom everything is bequeathed.

His will, testator states that while working as a seaman he was diligent and frugal and thereby succeeded in buying No. 14, Eastern Street. The will adds, "My son shall necessarily be diligent and frugal and shall abstain from squandering away the savings made by me throughout my life. This is most important."

Ip Fung-shi, concubine, who died intestate on January 11, last year, at the Italian Convent, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$37,200. She was late of No. 63, Robinson Road. Letters of administration have been granted to her son, Ip Ching-shun.

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Paris	123.645	123.626
Geneva	25.00 1/2	25.00 1/2
Berlin	20.36	20.36
Oslo	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	192 3/4	193
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	38 2/16	38 2/16
New York	4.88 1/2	4.88 1/2
Amsterdam	12.06 1/2	12.06 1/2
Stockholm	18.10	18.10
Vienna	14.49 1/2	14.50 1/2
Madrid	43.55	43.70
Bucharest	817	818
Montevideo	38 1/2	38 1/2
Hongkong	34.77 1/2	34.76 1/2
Milan	92.07 1/2	92.705
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CUSTOMS SCHEME AT KOWLOON.

GEN. CHAN MING-SHU MAKES REPORT.

Canton, Dec. 8. In the course of a long speech at the Provincial Kuomintang Office this morning, before a big gathering of prominent Canton militarists and politicians, His Excellency the Canton Governor, General Chan Ming-shu, referred to the work of the Fourth Kuomintang Plenary Session, and made reference to the reasons for the breakdown of the Sino-British negotiations for the establishment of a Chinese Maritime Customs House, at Kowloon.

General Chan Ming-shu said that negotiations for the establishment of a Kowloon Maritime Customs House, with a view to strengthening the preventive service of the Customs in Kwangtung, were first conducted between the Chinese Maritime Customs Inspector-General and the British authorities sometime last year when the discussions failed on account of Nanking's inability to come to terms with the British.

Nanking Skeptical. After reference was made to his conferences with Mr. Wu Han-min, Chairman of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Chairman of the Judicial Council, concerning the advisability of the Kwangtung Government supporting the scheme for the opening of a Kowloon Customs House, General Chan Ming-shu mentioned that about five hours prior to the opening of the Kuomintang Conference, when the proposal for the establishment of the Kowloon Customs House was to be put to the meeting for final sanction, a brief telegram was received from the Kwangtung Government informing the Nanking State Council that the British officials, who negotiated with the Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs, had consented to the Nanking suggestion, provided the latter would cancel the project of opening the free-port at Chungshan. The matter was discussed with Messrs. Wang Chung-hui and Wu Han-min and, at the suggestion of the two leaders, a proposal was submitted to the Kuomintang Conference advocating a postponement of the idea to form a new Kowloon Customs House.

Decentralisation Plan. Commenting on his second recommendation to the Kuomintang Conference, concerning a plan for the elevation of the authority of the District Magistrates in the Provinces, the Canton Governor emphasised that, according to prevailing practice, the Provincial Government controlled all districts and consequently the Districts had to refer all matters relating to education and construction to the Provincial Council before carrying out any such programmes.

General Chan said that the District Magistrates must be given more power to conduct civil affairs, and it was to facilitate administrative work in the districts that the Central Government was approached to raise the power of the Magistrate.

Kuomintang Reform. Deplored the chaotic state of the Kuomintang departments in North China districts or *huiens*. General Chan said he was greatly impressed with the lack of discipline in the Kuomintang departments in districts which he passed through while visiting Nanking. Unless the Kuomintang organisations were reformed the time would come when they would interfere even with the administration of a Provincial Government. For instance, in Anhui Province there were between fifty to sixty districts where the Kuomintang was making such exorbitant demands for funds for the dissemination of Kuomintang propaganda, that many had reported that the demands from the Kuomintang exceeded the total revenue of the districts. When the Provincial Government leaders failed to comply with the demands of the Kuomintang the latter threatened to dismiss the Provincial authorities. In districts in Chihli and Shantung some district Kuomintang had even gained control of the revenues of the District Treasury.

General Chan said that, as an observer, he believed that public opinion in these districts was against the Kuomintang repre-

BRITISH OFFICER SHOT DEAD.

TRAGEDY ON LAHORE PARADE GROUND.

Lahore, Dec. 9. Captain F. J. McClenaghan, of Eighth Punjab, has been shot dead on the parade ground by a sepoy, who ran amok and also shot an Indian sergeant, then finally committed suicide.—Reuter.

[There is a possible cable mutilation of the initials. The Army List gives only one Captain McClenaghan, in the Indian Army. This is Capt. P. J. W. McClenaghan, M.C.]

FIVE MEN ARRESTED.

Calcutta, Dec. 9. As a sequel to the assassination of Lt. Col. Simpson, the police this morning searched several houses in Dacca and arrested five Bengalis, including Prohbat Nag, a graduate of the Pusa Agricultural College, and Kamalchandra Mukherjee, a student of the Dacca Medical School.—Reuter.

SITUATION IN INDIA.

London, Dec. 9. The Government of India's weekly review of the situation in India says that hope alternates with anxiety as to the outcome of the Round Table Conference but the feeling is growing that it represents a very important constructive effort meriting the goodwill of all with the interests of India at heart.

Regarding events in India, the review says that in the United Provinces agitation is more or less moribund in the towns, and meetings and processions have lost much of their previous attraction. In the countryside the people are friendly, but anxious; in most other provinces, about their difficulties in selling their produce.

In Bihar and Orissa, the civil disobedience movement seems less popular, but several violent incidents have occurred.

In Assam it is reported there is an improvement in the political situation, despite attempts to continue the educational boycott, upon which Congress opinion seems divided.

Clashes have occurred in Bombay and Karachi, and during terrorist outrages in Chandpur, in Bengal.

It is believed the wrecking of a mail train in Burma some weeks ago was the work of the Bengal Revolutionary Party, and several arrests have been made.—British Wireless.

THE MEUSE VALLEY "POISON" FOG.

PROFESSOR'S STATEMENT AT ENQUIRY.

Brussels, Dec. 9. At the opening of the official enquiry into the Meuse valley fog deaths, at which the Premier, M. Jaspar, was present, Professor Nolf, who is president of the Belgian Red Cross, emphatically declared that uncontaminated fog could not kill anyone.

This statement aroused very lively interest, as supporting rumours that the deaths were due to poisonous fumes from factories. M. Bael, the Minister of the Interior, was appointed chairman of the committee.

Representatives of the committee who visited Engis to study the matter on the spot reported that enquiry was very difficult, as the fog had disappeared by the time they reached Engis.—Reuter.

[Altogether 69 deaths occurred in a few days, mostly of old people and persons with lung affections.]

KOREA'S POPULATION.

AN INCREASE OF 1,535,000 IN FIVE YEARS.

Tokyo, Dec. 9. The population of Korea, according to the census taken on October 1, is 21,057,000, an increase of 1,535,000 since 1925.

The total for the whole Japanese Empire, including Formosa and Saghalien, is 90,404,000, an increase of 6,947,000 in the past five years.—Reuter.

[The census, as announced in a cable published yesterday, puts the population of Japan proper at 64,447,000, being an increase of 4,017,000 since 1925.]

Nanking and while all Provincial militarists should not interfere with the civil and financial administrations of the Provincial Government, it was high time that the Kuomintang officials endeavoured to work in harmony with district civil administrators for the welfare of the public.

In short, there should be a clear demarcation drawn between the civil and military leaders and complete co-operation between the civil and Kuomintang departments.

DEATH OF FATHER RICARD.

EXPOSER OF THE SUN SPOT WEATHER THEORY.

San Jose, Calif., Dec. 9. The death has occurred of Father Jerome Sixtus Ricard, the exponent of the theory of the influence of sun spots on the weather.—Reuter.

Father Jerome Ricard, Jesuit priest and professor of astronomy and meteorology at Santa Clara College, California, devoted his life to the evolution of a theory of the effect upon terrestrial weather conditions induced by solar spots and prominences. He claimed that, by applying principles which he had laid down, weather forecasting could be done far in advance.

Father Ricard was born in Plainans, France, in 1861, and obtained his preliminary education in the schools of Turin, Italy. He went to the United States in 1873 and studied at Woodstock College, Maryland. He joined the Catholic Society of Jesus just before leaving Italy. He obtained the degree of doctor of philosophy at Santa Clara in 1887, and since that time was a member of the faculty of that institution. He abandoned the active teaching of mathematics and moral philosophy many years ago.

The Santa Clara priest started his observation of sunspots and tabulation of their effect, as he saw it, upon weather conditions in 1900. He started with a ten-day forecast, increased it to a month, then two months and finally one season.

Other scientists refused to accept his theory and many of the Inter- years of his life. Father Ricard devoted to the defence of his beliefs and in work simplifying his astronomical principles.

"The Padre of the Rains," however, had many followers and his monthly bulletins were regarded as infallible by many Californians who would accept his forecasts and no other.

Father Ricard was a member of several scientific societies, published several pamphlets and edited his regular forecasts for the state. He also published a regular seismographic record from data gathered by the delicate instrument he had installed at Santa Clara some years ago.

HOURS OF MINERS.

BRITAIN, GERMANY AND POLAND DISCUSS.

London, Dec. 9. The Minister for Mines, Mr. Shinwell, is continuing his efforts to ensure that the next International Labour Conference, in June, shall put through a convention to regulate miners' hours.

The three countries most concerned are Britain, Germany and Poland, and, as the *Manchester Guardian* points out, a prior agree-

THE USE OF GOLD RESERVES.

A REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION.

London, Dec. 9. Considerable attention is being paid in business circles both in London and New York, to the hope expressed by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, that "American and British financial authorities will be able to arrive at an agreement in the use of gold reserves, which will provide on a sound basis a great credit structure, and so minister to a common recovery. That necessarily depends on the Central Banks, but the British Government is alive to the necessities of the situation."

The *Times* City Editor discourages the view that an event of importance is impending, and although rumours were current in New York yesterday, the Federal Reserve Board remained silent. New York bankers are reported as declaring that they saw no hope of any distribution of gold through the capital market until political conditions in Europe are more stable.

AMERICA'S POSITION.

The *Times* points out that America holds about half of the world's monetary gold stock, acquired in a perfectly legitimate way. "This will not be reduced unless her trade balance becomes adverse, which would compel her to export gold in payment or until she embarks upon an active foreign lending policy, which would give borrowers the right to draw gold from America. America has in part largely increased her foreign lending this year, compared with last year, but this has made very little difference to her gold stock, which is nearly £30,000,000 higher than it was a year ago. She has lent relatively little to Europe, probably because there is a dearth of really good borrowers."

Britain, being more adventurous in foreign finance, and having more vested interests concerned in lending money abroad, has been less careful, but much of her lending proved unwise.

France, and not America, has been the principal taker of gold in the world's market since the spring of 1927, and she has ample gold reserves with which to undertake large foreign business if she desired. But, like America, France does not feel the necessary confidence in foreign borrowers.—*British Wireless*.

Meanwhile, particular attention is being directed to the question of hours in British coalfields, and Mr. Shinwell has already seen the German Minister of Labour, and yesterday and today in meeting representatives of the Polish Government. His discussions with them have extended to the possibilities of an international agreement on production.

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EXPLORER'S LECTURE.**STORY OF EXPEDITIONS TO THE KARAKORUM.**

On Monday night, at the University Hall, before a large and appreciative gathering of members of the Dutch community and University undergraduates, Mr. Ph. C. Visser, of the Dutch Diplomatic Service, and attaché to the Dutch Legation in Stockholm, and also noted explorer, delivered an interesting lecture, illustrated with some very striking and vivid lantern slides, on "The fourth Karakorum Expedition," which was undertaken by his wife and himself and three others.

In introducing the lecturer, Professor R. G. Robertson, Dean of the Arts Faculty, said that the Arts Society was privileged to be addressed by Mr. Visser, who had gained for himself great reputation as an explorer in the Himalayas and Karakorum. It was very rarely that the undergraduates of the University had the privilege of listening to one who had travelled in the solitary parts of the world, and one who had set his foot in places where nobody else had done so, and who came back with new information and knowledge about the process of land formation.

Mr. Visser, said the speaker, belonged to that small but select band of men who found their delight in travelling to places where, instead of life and cultivation, there was solitude and the desolation of the mountains. Mr. Visser and his wife had spent several years in studying the range of mountains in the north of India, a range which had been visited by a small band of explorers of different nationalities. And in that band Mr. and Mrs. Visser took an honoured place.

In Central Asia.

Mr. Visser began by thanking the President for the kind words which he had spoken about him, and he said he considered it a great favour to lecture to that distinguished gathering.

The purpose of their expedition, he said, was to explore the unknown places in the high mountains of Central Asia, especially the Karakorum. They went to Central Asia on three occasions, and on four occasions to the Karakorum. The first was in 1922, the second in 1925, and the other two in 1929 and 1930.

The lecturer vividly recounted the dangers which they had to meet and the difficulties they had to overcome. An expedition into the Karakorum, he said, was more dangerous than to the Himalayas, because of the extreme barrenness of the mountains. The highest point in the Himalayas was Mount Everest which was 29,000 feet high, while the highest in the Karakorum was 28,400 feet. On several occasions they had reached a height of 22,000 feet, and at one time, for a period of five weeks they were working at a height of over 18,000 feet.

The Karakorum mountains were parallel to the Himalayas. The Karakorum Pass was not really a Pass, but was a range of mountains north of the Karakorum.

With regard to the physiological features, he said, it was much more difficult to work at that great height than on the sea level as the rarer atmosphere rendered the functioning of the brain slower.

They were extremely thankful to the coolies for everything they did for them. They could not have gone to the Karakorum without the help of the coolies. At times the coolies refused to go beyond a certain point saying that it was impossible, and they had always to set the initiative before the coolies could be induced to follow.

They had many difficulties to encounter. The chief one was the language difficulty. Everything had to be translated three times before the coolies could be made to understand what was required of them.

Among the dangers they experienced, the principal were snow storms and stone avalanches. On one occasion they were caught in a snow storm which lasted for three days and three nights, and it was the only time when he could really say that they got homesick. The temperature during this storm reached 20 degrees below zero.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Professor Robertson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried with acclamation.

FORMOSA QUAKE.**FOUR PEOPLE DEAD; MANY HOUSES WRECKED.**

Tokyo, Dec. 9.
The War Office reports that four people are dead and nine seriously injured as a result of an earthquake at Formosa yesterday. Six persons were slightly injured, and 57 houses were completely demolished. The shock also partially destroyed 200 buildings.

The authorities at Tainan are carrying out relief measures.

—
Reuters.

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FALSE PRETENCES CASE FAILS.**COLLECTED MONEY FOR CONSTABLE.**

Five hawkers gave evidence before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, in the case in which Wal Po, a hawker, was charged with having collected 68 cents by means of false pretences from hawkers in Shanghai and Reclamation Streets, Yau-mati.

All their evidence was to the effect that the defendant came to them and asked them for ten or five cents, which he said he was collecting on behalf of the constable on duty to save them from being arrested.

The defendant said that on November 23, he was hawking at the junction of Shanghai Street and Soy Street, when the Chinese constable came up to him and asked him to collect money from the hawkers in Shanghai, Reclamation and Soy Streets. Defendant refused to do so, whereupon the con-

stable proceeded to kick him until he agreed to collect the money.

The constable asked him to meet him at Hamilton Road when he had finished collecting the money. Ip Yau was one of the hawkers from whom the constable had asked him to get money. Some time later, Ip Yau's wife came to him and said that her husband had been arrested by the constable, after he had paid the ten cents to save him from being arrested. Defendant saw the constable marching Ip Yau to the station and he told the constable

"My brother, you have asked me to collect money from this man, and now you arrest him." The constable refused to listen to him. He then gave the constable the 68 cents which he had collected, but the constable threw it away. Some time later, when defendant was standing near his stall, he saw Ip Yau, the constable and another detective approaching him. The detective asked him to accompany them to the station as the Inspector wanted to see him.

A folk of the defendant also gave evidence.

Mr. Butters, remarking that the

FLIGHT LIEUT. HILL RESUMES.

BOAT LENT KINGSFORD SMITH RETURNED TO HIM.

Flight Lieut. Hill, whose machine was damaged two months ago, has resumed his flight to Australia, and has arrived at Blina from Sourabaya.

Spars aeroplane parts were sent him from Australia, also the collapsible boat which he lent Kingsford Smith.

Mr. Hill is awaiting his return to Australia.—Reuters.

It will be recalled that Flight Lieut. Hill was making excellent progress when he had a mishap within a couple of days of reaching Australia. Kingsford Smith had just caught him up in the record-breaking flight from England, and Hill gave the other his collapsible boat, saying "I don't need it now."

alleged false pretences had not been proved discharged the defendant.

Heart Hungry

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CHAPTER XI.

Jordan was with another man. They were talking briskly, coming toward Celia and Barney Shields. As yet the girl was sure Jordan had not seen them. His face was turned toward his companion.

Instinct prompted Celia. She did not want Jordan to meet her with Barney. There would be much to explain.

Her eyes caught a sign in the store window they were passing. "Nuts! Nuts," the sign read. "Extra special fancy shelled pecans. All varieties of salted nuts."

The girl hesitated only a moment.

"Oh, Barney, let's come in here! I want some cashews."

She tugged at his arm and, somewhat surprised, he followed. They stepped into the tiny store. Behind a counter made of glass bins filled with nuts, a young man stood.

"Something for you, ma'am?" he asked.

"Yes. I mean—why, yes. Have you any cashew nuts?"

There was a guilty alertness in Celia's manner. She tried to smile to hide this.

The salesman consulted his stock.

"I'm sorry, ma'am. I don't have them. We're just out. Is there anything else you'd care for instead?"

Barney shot a glance over his shoulder. Tod Jordan and the man with him were passing the store. If they glanced in they would think Barney was merely another customer. She turned away from Shields toward the salesman.

"You say you haven't any cashews?"

"No, ma'am. We're just out. I'll have more in the morning."

"Oh, well, well, give me a quarter of a pound of the salted pecans."

"Yes, ma'am."

Barney Shields eyed the girl curiously while the order was being filled. He noticed Celia's quick glance down the street as they stepped to the door.

"Celia," he said, when they were on the street again, "why did you go in there?"

"Why, to buy nuts!"

"Oh, no you didn't. You know that wasn't the reason. I want to know why you did it."

"What in the world makes you say such a thing?" Her flush was tell-tale.

"Oh course, if you don't want to tell me it's all right."

They walked in silence. Celia greeted her, turned her head away, but she could not master the uncomfortable feeling that she had deceived Barney, and he knew it. She was in the wrong, and the sensation was disagreeable.

At the corner they paused to wait for traffic lights to change. It was several seconds before they were across the street. Then Celia looked up and smiled shame-facedly.

"You're right," she said. "I did go into the store as an excuse. It was because I didn't want to meet someone."

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"See here, Celia, forget about it," he told her roughly. "I didn't want to hurt your feelings. Sure, we've got a right to do what you want to. Don't think about it."

"Then you won't call yourself a 'no-account' any more and think I don't want people to meet you?"

"Not if it makes you feel badly. No, I won't."

The young man looked embarrassed. His voice was near tenderness and it was always embarrassing for Barney to show emotion.

He changed the conversation to something about a building they were passing.

When they were in front of the apartment where Evelyn Parsons lived, Celia said with an effort:

"Won't you come up and meet Mrs. Parsons? She's the friend I'm staying with."

Shields shook his head.

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"Thanks," he said. "I'll have to get along. Got a night assignment and I want to drop in at the office to see the boss." Still he hesitated.

"Why didn't you answer my note?" the girl asked.

"That? Oh, my, I'm sorry about that. All my fault! You see they keep us chasing in and out of town so much. I've been meaning to call you up, but somehow I didn't get to it."

His tone was unconvinced, but Celia overlooked that. She said slowly, half smiling:

"Well, you might ask when you're going to see me again."

Barney grimmed.

"I'd like to see you to-night—if it weren't for the Communists."

Some sort of Red rally down on Fourteenth street that the office thinks is worth my valuable time."

"Are you going to make pictures?"

"Yes. It's likely to bust into a riot. That's why I'm to be there."

"Oh, Barney, maybe it'll be dangerous!"

He laughed.

"Nothing like that, child. Those guys go in for lots of oratory, but that's about all. Maybe you'll see some of my pictures in to-morrow's papers."

"I'll look! Only it scares me to think of you going to such places."

"Say, if that's all I had to worry about! Why, this will be just nothing at all. Don't give it a thought. Honestly, I will try to call you up during the next few days. Maybe we can get together for dinner or see a show."

"I'd love that, Barney."

"Well, I'll telephone. Got to be going now. So long."

Celia entered the building and rang the bell for the elevator. She felt happier than she had been for days. Barney was willing to be friends again. As the lift bore her upward she hummed a tune under her breath.

Mrs. Parsons' apartment was on the 22nd floor. It faced westward, with a magnificent view of the cross-town skyline from the windows of the living room. The rooms were furnished in ultra modern manner. Squat, dark wooden tables and cabinets, low chairs and divans upholstered in blue and silver, curious metallic ornaments and hangings of eggshell gauze at the windows.

Celia let herself in. She pulled off her hat, patted her hair into place and walked into the living room.

"Oh, here you are!" Evelyn greeted her. "I've just sent Rose to bring tea. My dear, I'm simply exhausted! I've been in every shop on 57th street looking for those ribbon shrubs. Fannie told me about. You know she said it to me at Benet's, but that can't be true, because they told me they haven't even ordered any. I don't know how I'm to get them. I simply went everywhere!"

"Couldn't you have them made?"

"Well, I'm going to-morrow to Harrison's. They made those blue pumps everyone thinks I bought abroad." Evelyn sank back against the divan. "I'm so worn out I've telephoned I won't be able to go to the Parkers' this evening. They'll have to get someone else to make up the table. I couldn't possibly play bridge!"

"I'm glad we're going to have tea," Celia said. "I'd like some, too."

"Have you been walking?"

"Yes. I went to the park and then I got to looking in shop windows and forgot all about the time."

The maid appeared with a large silver tray. She set it on the low table before Evelyn.

"Um—maeaeae! I love them!" Celia exclaimed. Mrs. Parsons poured a cup of tea and handed it to the girl.

"Macaroons are fattening," Evelyn cau-tioned.

"Good evening, Lisi," she said. "I'm so glad you've come. Celia and I need company."

Lisi explained her errand. She put aside the over-night bag and went in to dinner with Evelyn and Celia. Afterward she went to Celia's bedroom and reappeared in a flaring gown of yellow taffeta. Lisi came into the room dancing.

"Let's have music!" she cried, beginning a tap dance.

Celia obligingly turned to the radio. A rousing fox trot filled the room. Lisi shifted her step to fit the rhythm.

The tune ended. There was a pause and then the announcer cut in crisply:

"We are interrupting the programme at this time," the voice said, "to report that fire coating from 30 to 60 lives to-night wrecked the building in which a Communist convention was being held at Fourteenth street and Third avenue. Celia lingered and the first grey of dusk appeared. Then she went to dress for dinner. There was half an hour. The meal would be served at seven o'clock.

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CINEMA NOTES.

HISTORIC SCENE IN "ANNA CHRISTIE."

New York's historic, Eden Musée, founded many years ago on old Fourteenth Street and later moved to Coney Island where it was razed by fire, may be seen in reconstructed form in "Anna Christie," Greta Garbo's first talking picture, which comes tomorrow to the Queen's Theatre.

It was in this famous war works that the "Chamber of Horrors" first came into being with its shocking display of torture and murder victims, depicted with lifelike realism. When it was moved to Coney Island it preserved many of its images such as Dorothy Arnold, Nan Patterson, Elsie Siegel and other figures in sensational myleries.

Although a large number of the sets were lost in the fire, many of them were saved, some being shipped to Los Angeles where they were obtained by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio for use in "Eugene O'Neill's drama."

Clarence Brown directed Garbo's talking picture debut, using the Eden Musée setting as a background for Coney Island scenes in which all the glamour of Surf Avenue was preserved in sound as well as scenic authenticity.

Garbo portrays the role of a Swedish girl, cast adrift in life by a wanton father who later tries to reclaim her by taking her aboard his river barge where much of the dramatic action takes place.

Charles Bickford plays opposite Garbo and the supporting cast includes George Marion, who created the father role in the original stage version, and Marie Dressler.

"Lord Byron of Broadway."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer sticks to its high standards in "Lord Byron of Broadway," its latest all-talking musical picture which is showing at the Queen's Theatre introducing two musical-comedy stars to the screen.

The stars are Ethelred Terry, prima donna of Ziegfeld's "Rio Rita," and Charles Kaley, fresh from "East Carroll's Vanities." Together with Marion Shilling, Cliff Edwards, and an unusually capable supporting cast, including Gwen Lee, Benny Rubin and a number of others, they talk, sing and dance their way through a picture packed with laughs, interesting emotional climaxes, elaborate Technicolor revues and at least four outstanding song hits.

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The rising young virtuoso can't make up his mind which of the women he likes best until he meets Ardith who makes up his mind for him in a surprising climax.

The picture was directed under the joint supervision of William Nigh and Harry Baur, who inserted the song and dance interludes at appropriate moments of the plot without detracting from the continuity.

A striking Technicolour sequence is built around the Mother Goose rhyme, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" is one of the outstanding features of the production.

Songs from this picture include "Should I?" "A Bundle of Old Love Letters," "Only Love Is Real" and "The Woman in the Shoe."

"All Quiet on Western Front."

Lewis Ayres, who plays "Paul" in the Bank of the United States, the Bank of the United States and the Manufacturers' Trust Company and the International Trust, are amalgamating with resources of a thousand million dollars.

The President of the combination will be Mr. J. Herbert Case, who at the present time is the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The merger will give the organization a hundred and forty branches in New York City, with deposits of approximately \$8700,000,000.

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"Think I'll lie down a while before dinner," she said proudly. She rose and left the room.

From where Celia was sitting she could look across toward the western sky. The sun had sunk behind the horizon of jutting concrete. There were towers like fairyland, and others were monstrosities. The brilliant lights, soon to transform the top of the metropolis into a firmament, were not yet glowing.

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Celia bathed and powdered.

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These two ships, to be the largest, most modern, and prettiest merchant marine vessels ever turned out in American yards are the forerunners of a fleet of four queens of the sea contemplated in the Dollar Steamship Lines' building programme. They will be the last word in American ship construction planned with the idea of providing the maximum luxury, comfort, speed and safety.

The President Hoover will go into service at New York, in June, 1931, in a route comprising California, Honolulu, Japan, China, Manila, returning over the same route. The launching date of the second ship, her name and route will be announced later.

For months past, captains of the Dollar Round-the-World liners have been collecting a portion of water from the seas traversed on their voyage. Yesterday the waters were complete with sample from the Atlantic, Pacific, China Sea, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, and Mediterranean Sea, and were released by the hand of the first lady of land to splash against the prow of the President Hoover, who is the largest American-built merchant marine vessel sped down the ways of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

Since time immemorial ships have been christened with flags of wine and bottles of crystal water, but a happy thought of R. Stanley Dollar gives to the President Hoover the distinction of a new ship starting on its launching voyage under the care of sea waters of many climes, diverse longitudes and far-spaced latitudes.

To Mrs. Herbert Hoover goes the honour of being the first President's wife in national history to sponsor a ship named after her husband.

Palatial Liners.

The new Dollar liners will be steel twin-screw vessels, nine decks, with slight raked stem and semi-cruiser stern and with two stacks and masts. Their length will be 663 feet, depth 52 feet, beam 81 feet, displacement 31,000, gross tonnage 23,000 and deadweight 15,800, with 67,000 cubic feet of refrigerated cargo space.

They will have a total passenger capacity all classes of 1,250 and accommodations for a crew of 300. The sea speed of the new ships will be 21 knots.

A de luxe hotel at sea adequately describes the new ships, equipped with elevators, swimming pool, sun deck, gymnasium, children's play room, sofa room, library, private dining rooms, tea room, music and dancing rooms, talking picture theatre, shopping lobby, broadcasting system, stock exchange room, writing rooms, beauty parlour, automobile garage, telephones in every room, and any other convenience to be found in a leading metropolitan hotel.

The heating and cooling systems serving the ships will be of the most modern construction, capable of providing a given temperature to an exact degree.

The new ships will have rooms for 322 first class passengers and 140 special class, the balance of the total passenger carrying space of 1,250 being devoted to other classes. The staterooms are spacious, well-lighted and with perfect ventilation and heating facilities.

The main dining saloon will accommodate the entire first class passenger list at one sitting. Tables seating two, four, six and eight persons will be set about the commodious room. The Captain's table is designed to seat

sixteen and as a novel feature there will be a bachelors' table of twelve seats. The special class dining saloon will be relatively commodious.

De Luxe Suites.

Four de luxe suites consisting of sea veranda, living room, bed room, and bath, will be located amidships on the first deck, devoted to passenger accommodation. These suites will be artistic in the extreme, the tapestries, hangings and furnishings surpassing similar rooms afloat to-day. In two, French period furniture will predominate and in the others, furniture of modern style. Under the expert direction of one of the nation's foremost interior decorators all of the public rooms and staterooms of the new ships will be works of art, the furnishings and fittings representing a fortune.

The special class accommodation will be a revelation to ocean travellers, that division of the ships being far superior to any yet offered to the public by any line.

One of the outstanding public rooms will be the veranda cafe, a spacious lounging place, thirty by eighty feet in extent, glass enclosed, cool, and providing excellent view facilities.

Spaciousness in promenades, public rooms, lobbies and staterooms of the new vessels in the aim of the builders. Hardwood walls and floors will distinguish the ships, mirrors and bright, artistic decoration will soften ship atmosphere and make the two latest "President" liners real homes at least.

Turbo-Electric.

The method of propulsion for these new vessels is what is commonly known as the "turbo electric" drive.

It is a combination of the principal characteristics of the common steam turbine drive and the more modern method of driving a vessel with large synchronous alternating current electric motors.

The main propelling machinery consists of the following: two latest type marine steam turbines; two alternating current generators, directly connected to the turbines; two main propulsion motors of the synchronous induction type; one control apparatus for the above, which consists of a main operating panel complete with switches, circuit controls and other necessary equipment; two direct current motor driven exhaust fans, for ventilating the main propelling motors.

The method of operation is, traced thus. Steam is generated in the boiler rooms, air on any steam driven vessel, and carried to the steam turbines. These turbines operate the two main generators, which in turn furnish power for the main propelling units.

The whole system is controlled from the main operating panel and the speed of the main engines is controlled through the steam turbines.

The principal items of auxiliary machinery are: cargo winches, refrigeration machines, ventilating equipment, heating apparatus, cooking equipment.

The cargo winches on these vessels will be electrically operated and absolutely noiseless. They are designed for high speed loading and unloading.

Refrigeration machinery will consist of the latest type machines of both the cooled air process and the brine system, and will be able to hold temperatures as low as 5 degrees without variation. Special compartments for the exclusive carrying of vegetables are also fitted.

Ideal Ventilation.

Ventilation will be of the mechanical type. Fresh air will be forced into all rooms and passageways by means of electrically operated ventilating fans, leaving nothing to natural draft, and which will assure all living quarters of an ample supply of pure fresh air. This will be taken into the system from vents on the boat deck. These mechanized ventilators will be thermo-controlled, which will guarantee a continuous steady temperature at a comfortable steady.

All public spaces, such as the dining room, smoking room, etc., will be heated by steam and all staterooms will be heated by electricity.

All kitchen devices will be electrically operated and of the latest type.

All stoves, ovens, and broilers will be equipped with electrical heat.

A feature which will add to the safety of the vessel is that all water-

tight doors throughout the ship will be electrically controlled direct from the bridge. This means that in the event of accident of any kind, all water-tight doors throughout the ship can be closed within 15 to 30 seconds. Electrically operated boat davits will be employed, insuring great safety in launching boats.

The most modern navigating machinery in force will form the bridge equipment of the new vessel. U. S. Navy type of compasses, Sperry gyro devices, radio direction finding, sonde depth finders, searchlights and a multitude of navigation's aids will be employed.

A Big Garage.

A garage, to accommodate one hundred cars will be part of the equipment of each ship. A machine shop to permit ordinary repairs and servicing of automobiles will be an adjunct of the garage unit. Cars will be driven aboard through side ports.

The public rooms, lounges, and writing rooms of the two vessels will be identical marvels of comfort and art. Indirect lighting will be the system of illumination.

The main entrance lobby off the promenade deck will be a spacious room with inlaid walls of satin wood and pilasters of walnut and gold.

The room will be enhanced by a spouting fountain built in mosaic.

The main lounge, a spacious room 45 by 53 feet, will be set off by walls of carved satin wood and ivory panels.

The furniture, carpets, and hangings were specially made for this room as well as for all other public rooms, of the vessels. Talking picture equipment, a stage and an inlaid dance floor will be among the entertainment attractions offered.

Art of the Spanish-California type will mark the smoking room with walls of well matched wood. Opposite the fire place will be a tapestry executed by a group of nationally known artists illustrating an episode from the story of Rip Van Winkle. This room will be designed for the fair sex as well as for male occupancy.

At the far end of the promenade deck, connected to the main lounge by panelled doors, will be the writing room. Five French-windows, art furniture of unique design and bright hangings will add to the comfort of the room.

The library will be a spacious room with soft, indirect lighting. Inlay and hard wood will form the decorative scheme.

Possibly one of the most popular public rooms will be the Veranda Cafe, which will run the full width of the ship and will have a semi-outdoor atmosphere when desired through opening the long Laycock windows. Teakwood floors, ornamental wall panels, palms and tropical verdure will make the room exceedingly cheerful.

Directly off the veranda cafe will be the soda fountain, a gaily coloured room, dotted with chairs, tables, and booths.

On the boat deck above will be a spacious swimming pool done in a sea-green tile. On the navigating bridge deck space is provided for miniature golf, tennis, and other games.

Gymnasium.

One of the special features of these new liners will be the gymnasium, complete in every respect, which will be located on the port side of the boat deck, just forward of the swimming pool. This will be an "L" shaped room, approximately 20 feet long by 10 feet wide, with an 8-foot ceiling.

This gymnasium, which will be on par with any first class one ashore, will be electrically equipped throughout. In addition to the standard equipment found in all gymnasiums, there will be a therapeutic room, massage table, riding horse, abdominal machine, and ultra-violet ray equipment. Adjoining the gymnasium will be electrically heated locker rooms, showers and baths.

Another recreational feature, in the form of a children's playroom will be located on the boat deck, just opposite the gymnasium. This playroom will be slightly smaller than the gymnasium but entirely adequate, and will have all the modern features found in playrooms, children's books, and toys for the boat deck.

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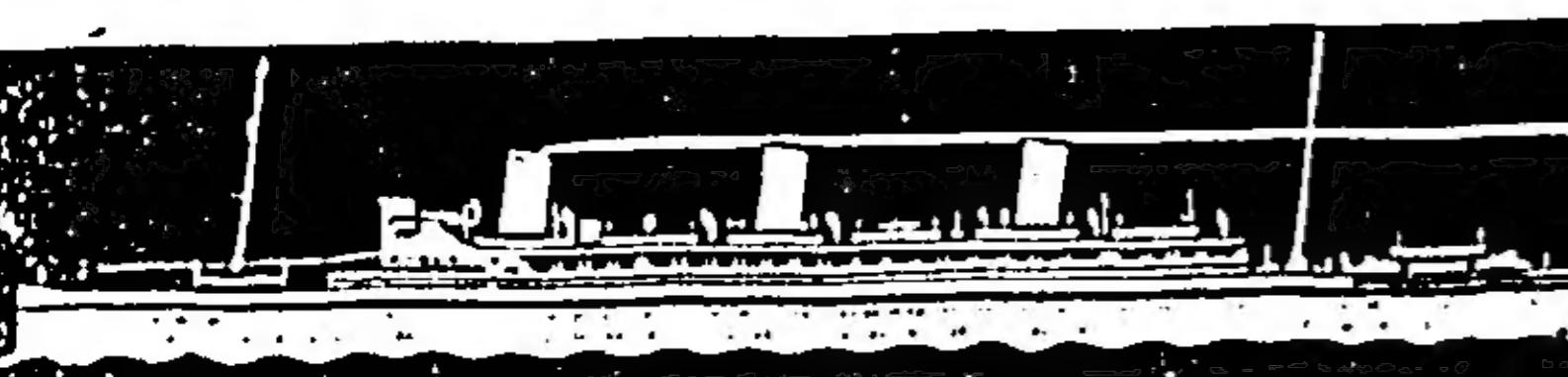
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a. Air De Ballet. b. Calliope.

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The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards, 1501.

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The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards, 1435.

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The Gentle Maiden.

Walter Glynn (Tenor). 3210.

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Mavis Bennett (Soprano). 2762.

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9.30-9.50 p.m. From The Studio.

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9.50-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.

Fox Trot-Kitty From Kansas City.

Fox Trot-If I Had A Girl Like You.

Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees. 22419.

Fox Trot-The Best Things In Life Are Free.

Fox Trot-Lucky In Love.

Jack Hylton and His Orch. 5507.

Fox Trot-Happy Feet.

Fox Trot-I Like To Do Things For You.

Lee Reisman and His Orch. 22398.

Fox Trot-Out Of The Dawn.

Waltz-Jeanine I Dream Of Lilac Time.

The Victor Orchestra. 21572.

Talking Dust-Over The Garden Wall.

John Henry and Gladys Horridge. 3085.

Fox Trot-The Woman In The Shoe.

The Victor Orchestra. 22337.

Fox Trot-Only Love Is Real.

The High Hatters. 22337.

Fox Trot-Shine On Harvest Moon.

Waltz-Memories.

The Southerners. 22517.

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Fox Trot-When I'm Looking At You.

Fox Trot-The Rogue Song.

The Victor Orchestra. 22258.

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Waltz-Maria Mati.

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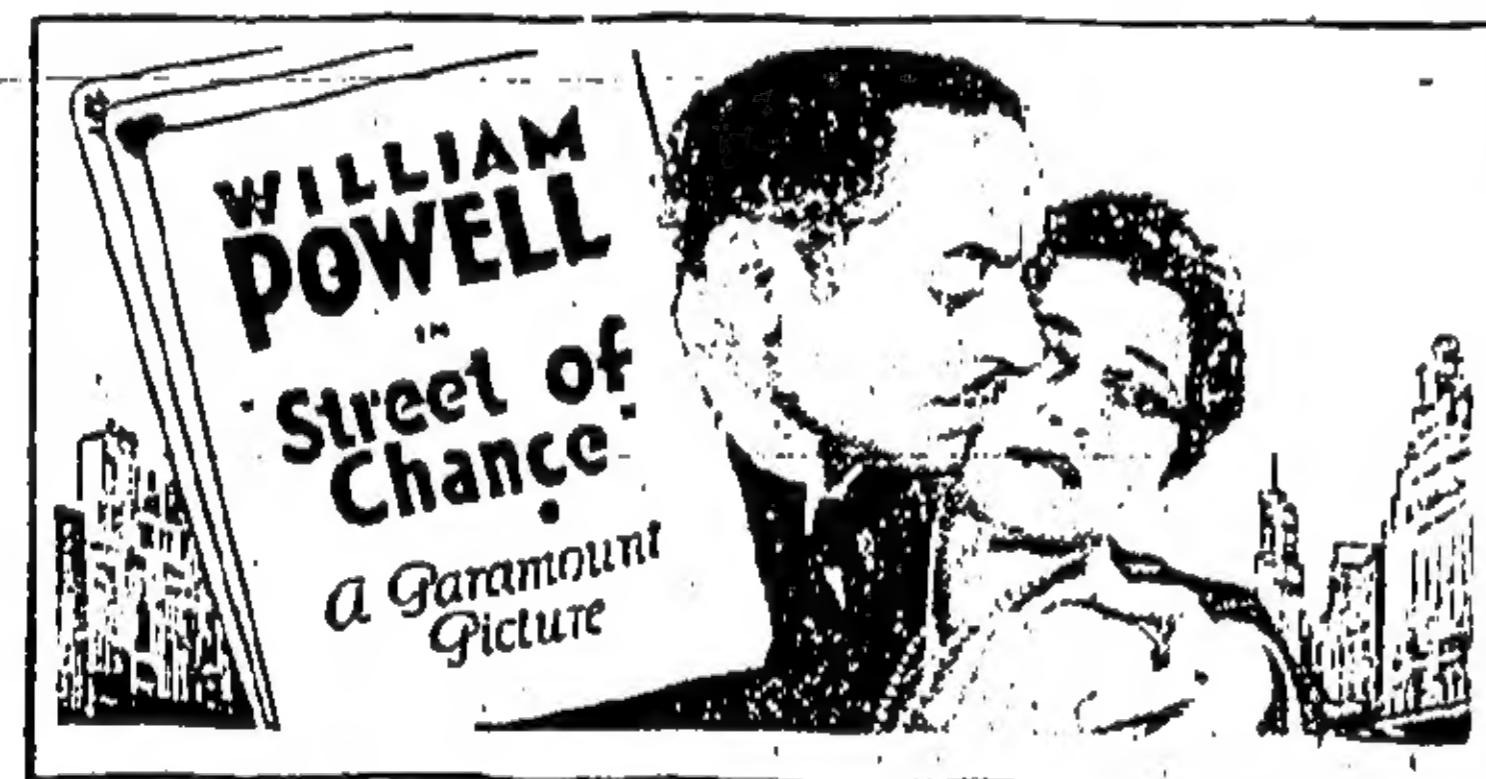
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CHINA'S VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT.

DISCLOSURE AT FUTURE CONFERENCE.

CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL.

Geneva, Dec. 9. Dr. Woo Kai-song, representing China, in the course of a brief speech at the closing of the Preparatory Disarmament Committee's session, declared that China had a clear opinion as regards disarmament and peace and would formulate it at the General Conference. The radical and moral causes which led to war must be suppressed.

Geneva, Dec. 9. A complaint against an "offensive" clause was made by M. Lunacharsky, alluding to the reservation that the adhesion of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland and Rumania to the draft Disarmament Convention was dependent upon Russia's adhesion.

Lunacharsky demanded the deletion of this, and the mention of Russia was finally excluded from the text.

A compromise text, to which Lunacharsky assented, reads: "Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland and Rumania made an adhesion to the Convention dependent upon certain conditions. The Committee decides to reserve examination of this proposal for a future Conference."

The Preparatory Commission meeting then closed after five weeks of deliberations. The next step is the calling of a General Conference and Heer Loudon (Holland) the chairman, closing the proceedings, appealed to the delegates to impress on their governments to lose no time in convening the Conference. —Reuters.

NEW GESTURE BY THE PRINCES.

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the Provinces to part with the asset of uniformity in legislation.

States Suggestion.

The question thus shapes itself into how to preserve uniformity in legislation without invading the States' sovereign rights. The suggestion of the Princes was that the laws passed by the Federal body should be ratified by the respective States Legislatures. The States had been enacting their own laws and it was, therefore, a matter of sentiment that they should have a chance of passing the legislation themselves.

What amounted to a pledge was given that Federal Laws would in fact be passed by the States.

Such procedure did not, however, appeal to the British Indian delegates and the matter was left open.

Powers of Government.

In the view of the Sub-Committee, the Federal Legislature should be considered the primary Legislature of India, constructed and constituted in relation to the federated units.

An opinion was expressed that policy and legislation were the main directions in which the utmost power should be given to the Federal Government.

Regarding administration, the States took the view that the Federal Government be confined to the exercise of general supervision and the hope was expressed there would be no residual subjects in the sense of their being "central" British Indian subjects, as distinct from Federal subjects.

Next Question.

The Sub-Committee is now virtually ready to begin discussion of the difficult question of the constitution, character powers and responsibilities of the Executive, and will probably take up this subject early next week.

It is generally agreed that the progress made is highly satisfactory and beyond the expectations of the delegates of a week ago.

Provincial Issues Settled.

The Provincial Constitution Sub-Committee during to-day's meeting discussed whether second chambers should be set up by statute, or left to the individual choice of the Provinces, and the general sense was in favour of the latter course.

The Committee adjourned until Friday when a draft report will be considered preparatory to presentation to a general meeting of the conference early next week. —British Wireless.

The Royal Society of British Artists has instituted two medals, one in silver and one in bronze, to be awarded annually at the Spring Exhibition to the two best pictures by members.

STRAITS TRAGEDY INQUIRY.

EUROPEAN'S DEATH INVESTIGATED.

BODY FOUND ON BATHING BEACH.

MISSING REVOLVER.

Singapore, Dec. 1. Unusual interest is being evinced in the inquiry which began before Mr. V. Lisamer, the acting Singapore Coroner, this morning, into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. Douglas Vincent Gibson, a well-known European resident of Singapore, whose body was found on the beach at Changi on the afternoon of Nov. 8.

The deceased had been in Singapore for about seven years and had only recently returned from leave in England, where he left Mrs. Gibson.

He was divisional manager of the United Exporters, Ltd., for Malaya, British North Borneo, Siam and Northern Sumatra.

Discovery of Body.

On the morning of Saturday, Nov. 8, Mr. Gibson, it appears, left the Europe Hotel, where he lived, early in the morning and set out for Changi alone. He failed to return as expected, and Mr. R. G. Macmoran, of his firm, communicated with the Central Division police. Inspector Poulin headed a search party, and within two hours found the body of Mr. Gibson on the sea beach of the 13th mile, Changi Road. The deceased, when found, was clothed in his underwear.

Mr. C. H. Nicol, A.S.P., in charge of the Central Division police, conducted the inquiry for the Crown. Mr. J. G. Campbell watched the proceedings on behalf of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corp., Ltd., and asked leave to attend. Mr. C. Dickinson represented the widow. A number of Europeans were present in Court.

Revolver Missing.

In opening the inquiry, Mr. Nicol said that Mr. Gibson dined at the Europe Hotel on Friday, Nov. 7, with friends and went upstairs of his room at about 11.30, but there were no signs of him having slept in his bed that night. The following morning at about four o'clock he left dressed in a white dinner jacket and hired a taxi and drove to Changi, taking with him a face towel. A Malay boy saw him on the beach at about six o'clock and that was the last time he was seen alive.

Mr. Nicol went on to say that in Mr. Gibson's room was a letter unsigned and addressed to his wife and also a will dated some years ago. Both were left on the table. A revolver box was also in the room but the weapon itself was missing. Regarding Mr. Gibson's financial position, Mr. Nicol said that he was not in any financial embarrassment but was as a matter of fact well off.

Cable From Wife.

Mr. R. G. Macmoran, assistant divisional manager of United Exporters, Ltd., in the course of evidence said he knew of no reason whatever why deceased should commit suicide. Mr. Gibson had been an officer in the army and had seen service in India, Palestine and Russia and was subject to malaria.

Witness produced a telegram sent by Mrs. Gibson to her husband from Spain and explained that it was found among his papers on Monday, Nov. 10, when witness took the papers out of the Europe Hotel. He did not believe that Mr. Gibson had committed suicide, but in his opinion death must have been caused by malaria, or the sickness he had complained of the previous day or a week before. Witness knew that Mr. Gibson suffered from his heart.

Objection To Questions.

When Mr. Campbell rose to question witness and asked permission to do so, Mr. Nicol said that he must object to any questions by Mr. Campbell on behalf of the insurance company. Mr. Nicol said that questions could only be asked if there was an accused person in the case. The matter of insurance was for a civil court.

Mr. C. H. Nicol, A.S.P., in the course of his evidence said Inspector Poulin examined the trunks and everything in the deceased's room. In one of the trunks which was unlocked Inspector Poulin found an empty revolver box. Anyone with a room key could have opened the door and taken the revolver.

"We are not suggesting that anybody took the revolver and there is no evidence that Mr. Gibson took it," Mr. Nicol remarked and added, "This revolver is missing."

STRICT SECRECY IN SUGAR PARLEY.

ELEVEN COUNTRIES SEND TO BRUSSELS.

PROPAGANDA FUND.

Brussels, Dec. 9. Representatives of Great Britain, Poland, France, Hungary, Italy, Cuba, Belgium, the United States, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Java are attending the Conference, the purpose of which is to stabilise the world sugar market, and which opened to-day.

The President enjoined the "strictest secrecy" on the delegates, which means, therefore, that the proceedings will be private.

Three Committees were appointed to deal with the agenda, stocks and statistics respectively.

The Conference will consider the formation of a Permanent Commission to carry out the decisions of the Conference, and also the creation of a propaganda fund with a view to increasing the consumption of sugar throughout the world.

It is understood that Poland and Germany are requesting a large increase in their exportation quota. —Reuters.

Messrs. Penreath and Company have received a telegram from Java stating: Trust refuse to sell to-day (Dec. 9) pending further instructions from Holland. In the meantime sellers are holding back.

Private advices from Holland suggest that the Sugar Conference is more favourable than not. "We do not expect Trust reduce prices."

DRASTIC EGYPTIAN ACTION RUMOUR.

CLOSING COTTON FUTURES IN THE MARKET.

Cairo, Dec. 9. It is reported that the Government intends temporarily to close cotton futures in the market owing to the continued sharp decline in prices.

A cotton expert, in an interview, expressed the opinion that the fall of cotton prices had probably reached bottom.

He doubted the Government's rumoured intention as this could not afford a remedy while Liverpool was open.

He attributed the present fall to the fixing of the prices of cotton sold on call last month, combined with the fact that the demand for saukelrides is only half what it ought to be, while the demand for ashmouni is well maintained.

The Government views the situation seriously and has requested the Under-Secretary of Finance to leave for Alexandria to report the position. —Reuters.

COMMUNIST AGENTS SENTENCED.

RIKA TRIAL COMES TO AN END.

Riga, Dec. 9. The trial has ended of thirty-two Communists charged with subversive activities in Latvia.

Seven, who belonged to the Central Committee of the Communist Party, which is illegal in Latvia, were sentenced to seven years' hard labour, fourteen were sentenced to terms of hard labour varying from four years to one year. Eleven were acquitted. —Reuters.

together with fifty rounds of ammunition.

Purchase of Revolver.

A Chinese salesman from Messrs. Robinson and Co., Ltd., said that he did not know that a European by that name had an account with the company. On Nov. 6 a European giving that name came to the Arms Department and produced a police permit to purchase a revolver. On Nov. 5, Mr. Gibson came there, selected a revolver and took the number. On Nov. 6 he purchased a Colt revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition. The box was the one produced and Mr. Gibson took the weapon away in it. Mr. Gibson did not pay cash but it was debited to his account.

Mr. Campbell:—Was he of average European height?

Mr. Nicol:—I object to that question. It is a leading question. Sustained Not Sustained.

Mr. Campbell:—I can ask it. Was he dark or fair?—He was fair.

Mr. Campbell:—I won't ask any more questions? Mr. Gibson was dark.

Mr. Nicol:—We all admit that Mr. Gibson did have a revolver. If the insurance company is going to suggest that this man shot himself, let us have it, so that we may know where we stand.

"We are not suggesting that Mr. Gibson shot himself," Mr. Campbell answered.

The inquiry was adjourned.

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